

COVID 19 Crisis in India: Faced in the Economy and By the Majority Poor

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Abstract

Crisis is experienced by all rich and poor. Ups and downs are experienced by all..Crisis is a wide concept..The present lock down due to Corona virus disease spread has already made the people experience crisis of different nature but we do not know what crisis are in store for us to face in future as we are entering into a significant time of recession after many years .With great difficulty we have sustained our development and growth but with the current scenario it look like it will be difficult to save our economy from deflation.More on the informal economy who depend more on movement .The death rate will increase due to poverty and un employment too .The inequalities between the haves and the havenots will increase.

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Aim: To make our Government more responsible to the crisis faced by our economy and the poor and think fast before the train leaves the platform and it's late.

Introduction: COVID 19 spread has troubled each and every one's life globally, nationally and more of the poor who were already struggling to get two meals a day .Nobody is there to voice out the problems of the poor ,the migrant workers .The only ray of hope is Media and through Media they feel they will reach out to the Government whom they have elected and believe that the Government is their God father .

A lock down is a solution and a crisis .But it should have been a tool of last resort and the county should have been given a time of at least one week to get prepared for it. It would have been appreciated and so much harm would have not been experienced It should have have been well panned by the government ,when the first case was found in the country with proper planning and arrangement made for the migrants workers the poor and the people who are working in the in formal sector. ..This is not a war to be won .We are playing with lives of people and our economy is sinking. We wouldn't have lost so many Human resources through deaths of migrant on their way back to their home town walking with out much resources to manage their journey.

Inspite of the lock downs ,our country is the only country in the world which is not showing any improvement. Instead we are seeing new peaks of infection every day.The curve is not flattening at all.Instead if precaution were taken like sanitization of slums ,keeping their toilets clean,distributing immunity booster like vitamins in the slums ,making the necessary arrangement for migrants either to go back or stay with all basic requirements and then

announced the lockdown it would have given fruits. Just blaming out chief minister is not right. At least he was concern about the migrants and was willing to make arrange for their going back which was appreciated by many. Maharashtra is a very big state and we are surrounded by slums. Our maids have lost their jobs. If it was well planned probably some would be taken care off. Disaster management and public health should have been given priority.

By abruptly closing down the whole economy, instead of flattening the curve, India only managed to flatten the economy and putting us back in the place where we were many years back. Demonetization was also sudden and the poor had a difficult time then too. As a result India is the only nation to bring the country to a complete halt. This virus is brought to India but the privileged travelling class and was inflicted on the slum dwellers and millions of migrant workers. These vulnerable section of the society had not heard of this virus in their vicinity and we not mentally or financially prepared for the lock down. No notice period was given to the citizens just four hours of warning and that too after shopping hours were closed. It was a wide shot in the bush even before the game reached its end.

Is it possible to open up industries without migrants coming back. More over the ones who migrated have spread the virus in the villagers and the scenario is getting worsened. Infact reverse migration, no containment strategy would add fuel to the fire. The only hope is vaccine to be invented at earliest as possible. Or by the end of the rainy season the country will be in a extremely bad state and other countries will make a mockery of us. Thus India has to pay a high price for this BOTCHED up lock down.

1.2 Health and nutrition: the slum dwellers have to share their toilets and they have very few toilets for many houses. There isn't sufficient water to pour nor soap to wash their hands nor sanitizers. The Government should ask BMC to pick up the garbage regularly and wash their toilets and phenol it. Sanitizers should be distributed in slums along with mask and gloves. Vitamins should be distributed door to door. More over the test is expensive and tedious. Stand in the queue, wait for your number and to add to it the resorts should be given on time. Poor are struggling for two meals a day. To get free food from the government they need ration card and Aadhar card, which many don't have under NFSA that is National Food Security Act. This leads to Exclusion. United we stans divided we fall. We all have to get together a build a National movement in the form of signature campaign to ensure that every poor irrespective of their documents get access to food, livelihood and health care during this crisis.

2. Crisis with the number available hospitals, medicines and doctors who are not infected.:

In India the population of people above 60 years is less but we have very few government hospitals and all are situated in rich man areas. Like Cooper hospital, JJ hospital. The cost of ambulance is unaffordable by the poor especially when they have lost their job or closed down their business. If the government construct one hospital in each slum it will be more convenient for the poor. COVID 19 has been the eye opener for the government that more hospital need to be constructed in poor man areas. Poor people suffer with diseases like tuberculosis, diabetics, chronic respiratory system which could aggravate the COVID 19 death rate. So COVID:19 has put the poor at a very high danger.

3.Harassment and brutality: India is known for harassment and brutality by men /Women are in a bad shape as the entire house work has come on them and at the same time they have to face the nagging of their husband and in laws. At least when they are at work they are relieved for some time .But now they have no option .Domestic violence has increased in India since the lock down .

4.Poverty,inequality and unemployment: With great difficulty India's number of absolute poverty had decreased but due to this sudden lockdown due to this deadly virus the rate of absolute poverty has increased ,mortality rate due to poverty and unemployment has also increased. which will add to the burden on the economy and will also decrease the quality and quantity of human resource .The gap between the rich and the poor has widen to a great extent.

5.Mental health crisis :It has increased to more than 20percent and more among the youth within a week of the lock down especially children whose boards have not been completed and those who are still waiting to give their exams .Who have worked hard to secure good percentage through out .They have so many questions in their head which are unanswered till date .Those who have lost their jobs .Domestic violence cases have increased as men cannot tolerate their wife's for few hours now they have to stay with them 24 by 7, but can tolerate other women, as the grass is always green on the other side.Debt repayment. Especially the marginalised and the vulnerable section of the society not the rich .Even the middle class too

6.Crisis faced by the youth and teenagers: They cannot play football nor go for swimming. .Idle mind is a devils workshop. Youth who are tied to the four walls of the house when it is their days to enjoy. They feel that their future is in the dark some feel that they have no future On line studies will not make them happy as they enjoy going to college ,meeting their friends but now they have to chat on the phone and do video chats if they have aneroid phone

7.Disable people: They cannot stay in the house for long .They need to go out of the house at least once a day that is the autistic children and the partially mentally ill people .They loose their mental balance soon. Moreover the handicapped children who brought work home or even went out to work are now stuck at home with nothing to do.

8.Child labour as many of them will become orphans: Due to deaths because of reverse migrants walking back home, unemployment ,suicide ,poverty and corona virus many children have turned orphan and will have to start working for their bread and butter this will again lead to an increase in child labour

9.Tough times:The whole world is experiencing a dangerous time and disaster of different type.Some are experiencing great loss due to the lockdown and closure of their business completely.

10.Problem of labour: The biggest crisis we are going to face is the supply of labour .It will be very difficult to get labour back because of the terrible experiences they have faced by the police ,by the government to reach back home. A fear has come in to them .They would prefer staying in their village and living in poverty rather than treated so cruelly.

11.Migrants crisis: Migrant are facing a lot of crisis. They lost their roof above their head .Lost their job. They had no transport arranged to send them home .many had to sleep on the road and were beaten up by the cops .Those who retaliated are jailed.: :

12.BMC: BMC is facing the crisis that they are put on their feet and monitored properly and they have to work harder than what they have worked in their life by taking a risk of their life

13.Polices: They are facing crisis as they too have to work in such risky situation. Some of them are humble and gentle by nature no matter what is the situation and some the moment they wear the uniform loose their humanity .Such are the ones who remove their frustration on the helpless migrants knowing what they are going through .But the polices are facing crisis of different kind like lack of sufficient mask ,gloves , helmet ,sanitizers, lack of sleep ,health crisis,family crisis as most of them have send their families to their village and have to mange their homes after duty all by themselves which is extremely difficult .

14.Doctors and nurses: They face similar crisis like the police .

15.Senior citizens: They are facing the crisis of health ,emotions, fear ,shortage of medicines etc

16.Liquor and cigarette crisis

17.Service crisis ; I mean transport like Taxi ,rickshaws and other transport services have experienced unemployment and poverty.

18.The informal sector ,vendors ,Tailors, SCI, MSME, etc

19.Economic crisis .

20.Social crisis : No social gatherings marriages movies outings malls

21.Industrial crisis : Rent, EMIs Loans, Labour issues, salary issues, cost of production, change of demand etc And many more crisis.

Our government has forgotten that COVID 19 is a pandemic ,a disaster so we need to mobilise resources and do the best for the poor as they are part of our family.

What can the Government do ?The government can do a lot and has to do or our economy will fall into the gutter of deflation.

1.Reach out to the farmers who need financial support and motivation

2.Provided basic necessities to the poor and minimum finance irrespective of their documents.

3.Fee Mediclaim and hospitalisation for the poor and the unemployed due to corona virus.

4.Minimum support price for the crops .Stop corruption and exploitation.

5.Stop child labour

6.Small scale industries and informal sector need help in the form of subsidies .

7.Ask the polices and the doctors to humble down as their profession make them more stone hearted towards others .

8. Jail is not the place for innocent people. Most of the people in the jail are the ones who cannot bail them out and are there as they could not prove them innocent. It is killing of human resources. Like the 100 people who are in the jail for stone lynching of the two sadhus, the actual people behind it should be jailed. Jail is not a place where the person can improve his life; in fact, he or she will become a bigger criminal. In fact, employ them or engage them in some work like SCI and let them earn there till they prove they are good.

9. Start producing all the goods we import in our country.

10. Stop imports of unnecessary goods which can be produced at home. Become independent.

11. Make loan easy for them and repayment too. Give them at basic things like rice, dal, and wheat flour.

12. Free medical checkup, free gloves and other protection things to the poor.

13. Recommend to give permission to withdraw from EPFO account.

14. Free immunity boosters and many more.

We have to pray and turn towards God. Only God can kill this virus. We have to give up on all our bad vices and habits as Covid-19's impact unravels, two kinds of emotions playing out. "One is shock. Many cannot fathom what's happening. Due to this standstill, many of them have come to a vulnerable state. Many of them live at an edge on a daily basis with no savings at all. We have to work hard to change our crisis into opportunities and the other is fear and insecurity of their future. Our government has been very unplanned and sudden, in taking the decision of lock down.

Conclusion.

We all educated people should put pressure on our government to recreate a new India, on the principles of equality, respect, and solidarity. Let us remember that ours is a democratic government and we do have the right to voice out and speak out, together we can do a lot to reduce these inequalities and do justice to the poor during these crisis. All that poor people have is their voice. Poverty is suppressing their voice. Let us become their voice and ensure that they get the support. They are poor by fate, not by choice. Let's make a garden for them if not heaven and help them come out of crisis and also see that the media becomes their voice too and make life better for them by awakening the government before the boat is sunk. As always, the down-trodden sections of the society have had to bear the brunt of it.

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