

# COVID -19 AND ITS LEGAL ASPECTS

## ABSTRACT:

The article deals with the most dangerous and threatening impacts that Covid-19 left in the lives of people and society. The corona virus which is a infectious virus affected human beings in such a way that they lost their lives as they were severely affected by the virus. With the emergence of Covid-19, people suffered health crisis and it also affected their lives in a big way. There have been around thousands of cases in India till today and many more cases coming on the daily basis in newspapers and in televisions. Secondly, the article highlights the origin of corona virus from China which spread to whole parts of the country and which damaged respiratory and other body parts of individuals. Also, the article focuses on the legal impacts of covid-19 on the society, how peoples lost their jobs and lives and suffered crisis due to this pandemic. Thirdly, the article deals with the effects on corona virus on individual's life how it changed the world and its symptoms in humans. The article also highlights the rules and guidelines made by the government to protect people from Corona and its impact on education system and children during pandemic and also highlights the fundamental rights violated in the pandemic. As the Covid-19 cases were increasing day by day so, the government of India imposed lockdown in steps many states and also quarantined many affected peoples and made social distancing mandatory which is very important and concerned for the safety of people.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The novel coronavirus has its origin from Wuhan city of Hubei Province of China and started spreading to rest of the countries where virus was at peak in which many developed countries like America, Britain, China which slowly reached India and resulted in several respiratory disorders and even deaths. The virus was originated from bats and was transmitted to humans due to animal eaters which is a main food habit for Chinese people. In the beginning, china was reporting cases but soon India started reporting cases of corona and now it has reached more than thousand cases. The novel corona virus spreads faster through human contact with each other. So, to avoid this there are norms of social distancing and wearing masks is mandatory. The future effect of this virus is unknown. The cases in India is increasing on a

regular basis which is serious concern for the citizens of India. India recorded at least 28,903 new cases, and 188 deaths in last 24 hours which is very critical. Also, in India the highest spike day was recorded on Wednesday. The virus changes and mutates itself and shows different symptoms in human beings. Adults and old peoples who have several health problems are affected with virus and in some cases resulted in their deaths. There is no way to tell that till when the pandemic will continue. This tends to be very dangerous for every citizen. In order to reduce the number of corona patients, the government of India imposed lockdown in the country which was followed by every citizen and those who didn't followed the guidelines laid by the government were punished. India also reported highest number of deaths this year. The virus is being more deadly and has created terrible situations for the people of India. In India almost there are thousands of cases rising and at peak there resulting deaths.

## **II. LEGAL IMPACTS OF COVID-19**

On March 11, 2020 WHO declared covid-19 as a pandemic due to rapid increase in the number of corona patients. The outbreak has affected the country and many legal issues have arisen in the country. The measures that were taken to control covid-19 troubled the society and people faced certain problems due to the pandemic in the field of business. The different legal issues arisen due to covid-19 are in employment sector. Due to the outbreak, many organisations faced difficulties in travelling because it very important for business to travel different places especially in abroad for their business purposes but due to the pandemic, there is restriction on travel to other countries which made it worst situations for the employees. Also, it has its critical impact on employees who are corona affected working from their homes and are quarantined. This has largely affected their professional work due to which companies were not able to perform their obligations which is a legal challenge. Also, there is interruption in the supply chain because of which performance under contract may be cancelled only because of the pandemic the suppliers may delay or cancel it. Also, during pandemic many people lost their jobs and suffered financial crisis which resulted in poverty and gave rise to crimes in the society. Thus, Covid-19 led to many legal challenges in the country.

## **III. RULES AND GUIDELINES DURING COVID-19**

Due to the outbreak of the novel corona virus in India, there are many cases rising rapidly and spreading fast so, the government also imposed strict lockdown rules and other guidelines

which were strictly followed by the people. To enforce lockdown in the country, the government directed their police teams to look out in the streets and imposed penalties to those who didn't obeyed the guideline to stay at their homes. The guidelines include night curfews, lockdown and wearing masks and sanitizers was mandatory for everyone and there was ban on international passengers coming India in order to stop corona cases in the country. Also, corona patients were quarantined and given treatment and sanitization works were regularly in force. Even till today, there are many fresh corona cases coming everyday in newspapers. So, the guidelines must be followed. India sees sharpest 5- day rise in covid-19<sup>1</sup> cases in 10 months which is very critical and a matter of concern for citizens of India.

*“Covid-19 has suddenly changed the social life and threatened the economy”*

#### **IV. COVID-19, CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SYSTEM**

Covid-19 has led to the closure of schools, colleges and other educational institutions due to which children are suffering losses in various ways. Examinations had been postponed and delayed continuously due to the pandemic. As a result some children suffered from anxiety. This has affected their future and career. The Indian education system has been badly affected due to the pandemic and even children have suffered due to closure of schools. They didn't get access to outdoor games played in schools and this affected their health. They were not able to engage themselves in outdoor games and had weight problems and health disorders which is one of the negative impact that Covid-19 left in the lives of children. The main point is when children were in schools there was a environment of competition between them but now as virtual classes have started, children lack this. Also, due to the pandemic children are not able to meet their friends due to which there is a change in their behaviour as they feel lonely. This is the demerit of online classes and has badly affected the mental state of children. There is a serious concern of getting addicted to internet and social media rather than studying and interacting with others students especially games which were played by children during lockdown in pandemic which is really a matter of concern.

#### **V. SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19**

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<sup>1</sup> Amit Bhattacharya, *India sees sharpest 5-days rise in Covid-19 cases in 10 months*, TOI (March 19,2021), Available at: [https://www.google.com/amp/s/m.timesofindia.com/india/india-sees-sharpest-5-day-rise-in-covid-cases-in-10-months/amp\\_articles/81578107.cms](https://www.google.com/amp/s/m.timesofindia.com/india/india-sees-sharpest-5-day-rise-in-covid-cases-in-10-months/amp_articles/81578107.cms)

The common symptoms are Covid-19 are cough, fever etc. But there are many more symptoms that are seen in humans which damages respiratory system of the body. Some other symptoms include:

- ❖ *Headache*
- ❖ *Muscle and body pain*
- ❖ *Loss of appetite*
- ❖ *Vomiting*
- ❖ *Fatigue*
- ❖ *Breathing problems*
- ❖ *Chills*
- ❖ *Skin infections including rashes*
- ❖ *Swelling of eyes*

These are the symptoms that a Covid-19 patient normally show but the main question is how it spreads to humans. As far as virus is concerned, it mostly spreads through human contact when they come in contact with each other. This becomes a long chain which is troublesome situation for everyone. This chain has to be broken and for that social- distancing norm is best that must be followed by every citizen. Corona virus is usually a social health crisis faced by the economy which usually spreads through droplets of an affected person when he/ she inhales. During this if anybody comes in contact with them automatically gets infected. It also spreads by shaking hands with other people commonly their peers or friends. To stop this one should follow the norms of social distancing with the infected person and stay away from them. We only have to protect us and our families in this critical situation where the economy is totally disturbed due to the pandemic and has affected the society in a big way. The Covid-19 pandemic is spreading in India at an alarming rate and there are a number of people being affected on a regular basis which is a major cause of concern. Therefore, the guidelines imposed must be strictly followed for the safeguard of public and their health.

## **VI. CONCLUSION**

The pandemic has almost changed the lifestyle of the people and their habits too. It has become a global issue for the country. There is no future predictions for Covid-19 for how long will it last. Many measures are being taken by the government and which are strictly followed by every citizens of the country. As the pandemic is at peak, it has harshly affected our fundamental rights granted to the citizens. It has become a question that whether our

fundamental rights are being violated or not. It is however true that our rights are affected such as right to move freely, right to privacy and right to freedom of religion and right to education. freedom of Movement is given under article 19(1)(d) allows every citizen to move freely but due to the pandemic there are restrictions on these rights. Also, during corona the government disclosed personal details of people who were quarantined which is violation of right to privacy under article 21 of the Indian constitution. Therefore, the right to education was also violated during pandemic in which exams got cancelled and there was closure of schools, colleges and other educational institutions which caused loss to many children. Also, it affected right to food where peoples were not able to get food due to and this gave rise to poverty. Many people lost their jobs during corona and this led to the critical situation. As India is a developing country and it is not possible to stop corona without public support Thus, the fundamental rights were infringed during the pandemic which caused difficulties to citizens. The corona virus has left its worst impact in the lives of people and has its worst impact on economy and in employment sector where people lost their jobs and suffered financial crisis. Therefore, people should also cooperate in this critical situation which is very important and also plays vital role in bringing the pandemic towards end. It is just impossible to stop corona without human efforts. This support of citizens is very important in this critical situation when the world is facing such a big problem that can bring major changes in the economy. We have to be aware and then only it can be possible to stop the virus because corona virus is one of the biggest threats for the country so all the guidelines and rules created and imposed by the government should be followed by every citizens like the norms of social distancing must be followed to support and cooperate with the government. In order to protect the country and protect the economy there should be appropriate procedures followed by everyone. Different countries and states are exploring and researching various methodologies to stop spreading the novel corona virus and by imposing lockdown in the states individually. Thus, the support of public plays a very crucial role in fight with Covid-19.

