

WORLD UNDER COVID-19

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Introduction

Previously, no one knew what COVID 19 was. But within a span of a couple of months, the world came to know of its existence. People have been asking: what is this COVID 19 that everyone is so afraid of. The answer is very simple yet very dangerous. COVID 19 is actually a disease caused by a virus named Corona, which was just recently discovered. It is said to have originated in a city called Wuhan in China. From there it spread to the whole world. The disease by nature is communicable so it took the shape of a pandemic in a very short span of time. The most affected countries include Italy, The Great Britain, USA, etc.

Symptoms

Regarding the symptoms of the people, who are affected by the virus, shows different kinds of symptoms. Some will experience, rather experiencing mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. The symptoms also include coughing, high temperature, weakness, etc. Older people and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more prone to develop serious illness.

Prevention

Scientists and doctors all over the world are working day and night to find a cure. The virus has already taken thousands of people in its grasps and yet the numbers of victims keep on increasing every day. Quite a number of people have recovered and patients are being kept under care for 24x7. Contrarily, there are patients who until now haven't yet got any COVID 19 symptoms but the disease is gradually developing inside them. The doctors all over the world including WHO (World Health Organization) have listed a number of methods take care of us. As one says, prevention is better than cure. We should wash our hands with soaps or alcohol based hand sanitizers frequently, wear masks (especially N-95 masks) and avoid any kind of physical contact with the outside world. To lead a quarantined life is the best thing we can do now to defeat COVID 19.

World Economy

It is of no surprise that due to the pandemic, maximum of the offices and businesses are closed, which put the global economy into a tailspin. Many countries are heading for very sudden and unprecedented recession. Many people lost their means of livelihood. The unemployment rate has skyrocketed. The governments are helping to the utmost point. The American and Italy's government has given a relief package which almost equals 10% of their GDP; Britain's relief package is a little higher with 15% of their GDP and India being at 20% of their GDP. The pundits have predicted that the economy of the world would go on falling until the end of the pandemic. Nobel Prize winning Economist, Dr. Abhijeet Binayak Banerjee has told us a few points to help the people and keep the economy stable. The United Nations predicted that the world economy could shrink by 1% in 2020 due to the global pandemic, a reversal from the previous forecast of 2.5% growth. With nearly 100 countries closing national borders during the past month, the movements of people and tourism flows have come to a screeching halt. Taking the rapidly changing conditions, the UN DESA's World Economic Forecasting Model has estimated best and worst case scenarios for global economy in 2020.

Advantage

Though might be a controversial sections of the topic but it is true. Most people won't agree with me, but as Sir Isaac Newton said, "Every action has an equal and opposite reaction". Maybe 99% of this pandemic is fatal but that last 1% has some goodness in it. Although people are not going outside their houses, but they can see from their windows the sky being much clearer than it previously was. The weather became much more pleasant with no more sultry summers and pouring of acid rain. Due to no cars and buses on streets and no factories running, the pollution level has gone down incredibly. River waters are much clearer, with less melting of ice caps the sea level is stable. The biggest hole in the ozone layer has been healed. Global Warming has come to a halt. Few things which were previously hard to imagine have started to happen. Couple of things is Dolphins being back in the Ganges and Taj Mahal regaining its old color. Seeing these things to happen, one can say, "Nature is healing".

Conclusion

Lastly, a few things to point out from these pandemic is that, is this a man made disease or is this a virus which spread from the bats as the records suggest? Is China hiding something? Is this a coincidence or not that every 100 year a pandemic occurs which kills millions of people all over the world? Looking at the history book, it seems that in 1720 a great plague out broke in Marseille, France. In 1820, Asiatic Cholera began near a city of South Calcutta and took a few countries in its grasp. In 1920, the Spanish Flu took place and in 2020, it was Corona Virus pandemic. The 100 year myth continues. To believe or to not believe is solely upon one's perspective. But the one thing we should keep in mind that we are all in this together and we have to fight together how hard the circumstances may be. Like in Mahabharata, when Karna was about to die, he asked Krishna what did he do wrong that his life became full of sufferings. In return Krishna, told him that he himself has suffered much more but still did not give. So that's the spirit everyone should keep. Fight together and win together against this deadly virus. Because above all is humanity. Let's hope for the best.