



DYSTOPIAN CONTINGENCIES FACED BY CHILDREN DURING COVID 19

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ABSTRACT

Amid the continuing cloud of uncertainty in the debilitating pandemic ,we had witnessed that there was a rebellious “war” and “battle “ between humanity and the virus with its tentacles of despair crippling across the global world. Fighting and retaliating against the novel coronavirus was really a tedious task nationally and internationally . It was an unprecedented as well as an extraordinary humanity “ win challenge “where the contingencies were eradicated to the development and the emergence of the Covid 19 vaccination programs . The catastrophe caused by the cataclysmic Covid 19 has devastated the lives especially children of Tender ages, and it is really heart wrenching that the survival of children was at stake .

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Indefinite Clampdown Against Universal Vaccination Strategy

Initially there were a lot of parallel and opposing viewpoints for the acceleration of vaccines for the protection of the health among the population especially “Children “, Considering the situation in India many people questioned the efficacy and the capabilities of vaccines in children, whether parents would

depart themselves from putting their children to risks? Whether there was any mismanagement or a need to have credence over the administration of vaccinations? Some controversies were welcomed and accompanied by deep concerns and despairs among the population. But the universal vaccination has been an effective and successful bulwark against ravages protecting the entire population.

According to the health wing: Children and adolescents have a higher risk of severe COVID 19, The need for effective administration must preserve the quality and standard of living of the youth. In India almost 14.4 million children are affected with obesity, 200,000 children with Heart failures and cardiac diseases, others with hereditary and genomic defects, Cancer in every 50,000 population, the UN estimates 40 million children with infirmities and disabilities. There was a lot of adverse criticism which faced a flak on the side of the Medical institutions and the health departments to answer the query of the caregivers and guardians of children as to whether administration of COVID 19 vaccines to children generates any detrimental impact on the health and safety?

The pediatricians and medical experts gave a confident reply towards the despairs of the youth that the govt needs to adopt a better strategy to overcome the inevitable future pandemic and there is a high need to act responsibly and to proceed with prudence to protect the youth from being infected and targeted by the post COVID 19 complications. So there was a need to have efficient and rampant Vaccination. Vaccination of children adopting indigenous and inactivated virus vaccine, cell mediated and multiple measures of immunity has been investigated to be safe and secure, so with prior approval and confirmation from the medical departments the Govt and the state machineries allowed vaccination of children between 15 to 18 years, Once safe vaccines are licensed and approved for general purposes, the policies may be availed to all children. It is to be noted that even science is not well equipped to give confident promises to nations to predict the trajectory of future pandemic concerning the COVID appropriate behaviour, accessible health care, and effective vaccination strategy can be effectively operational with these credible defences.

Switching to a New world of Virtual Education

The closure of schools during the epidemic has kicked up a row inviting an array of ambiguous thoughts in the minds of students. whether shifting to online learning violated the education of the kids? whether substitution of online education deprived those studying in their physical and comfortable mode.? Children's education and health were the major concerns of the modern nation and the country world wide. Children coming from poor backgrounds in terms

of social, educational, cultures ,morality , finance could only afford learning in governmental schools . Since the pandemic imposed a heavy impact on the lives of the marginalized and vulnerable including loss of employment ,perennial constraints on finance ,economics loss etc, children who lost either parents or the sole breadwinner of the family in cases where they are being leaded or guided by their mother (employed or unemployed) working under medical systems , or vulnerable to do domestic households ,cleaning crews in hospitals, living as housemaids, who does not have sufficient means of living to take care of their families and the education of such children was at a skate and under a dilapidated condition . Due to these predicaments children from private schools were meant to genuinely shift to govt schools to eradicate their insecurities in paying exorbitant fees towards the educational institutions . It is stoically estimated that 2600 Covid impacted children are entitled to the benefit of the PM care fund(Prime ministers citizen Assistance and Relief in emergency situations Fund ,27th March 2020) . The state govt may consult with the private school to waive the academic fees in the years of the debilitating pandemic and if they are unwilling to effectuate such waiver then the state shall shoulder the burden of the educational fees. In my opinion these situations could never be cynically viewed as a token gesture but the grievances must be adhered cautiously and with great responsibility. According to the reports put forward by UNICEF it is estimated that almost 1.5 billion children were adversely impacted by the digital attacks and other threats when they had a ground shift to virtual learning at their home. School closures and strict containment measures mean more and more families are relying on technology and digital solutions to keep children learning, entertained and connected to the outside world, but not all children have the necessary knowledge, skills and resources to keep themselves safe online. The dependence of the online platform and digital sources prevented children from socializing with persons physically with no social commitments, lack of face to face communication, confining them to remain in the four corners of their walls at their home soaked in the transition of digital world with zero interactions with friends ,family or even with their elder person and they were virtually into a seductive bond in to the digital world.

Intricacies of Cyber attacks

Covid 19 has even contributed a significant spike in child sexual exploitation and child abuses on a daily basis .The desperate situation generated a perfect storm of conditions that fueled the rampant hike in child exploitation and child trafficking across the globe. Increase in blackmailing and threats , Hackers looting money from children making them addictive to videogames and other

digital applications , Deceiving and hacking money from the youth with threats , which happens even without the acknowledgment of guardians, Taking multiple transactions from their bank accounts when the guardians are in their busy worlds working in their professional careers, Being unaware about the realizations when their children are fallen into a valley of intricacies , and some trends noted during pandemic was cyber attacks on social media against women such as making fake accounts while concealing the true identity of the person ,targeting young children for money and sex ,threatening and inducing them to send their naked and private pictures ,children been feared to open up as an out of box thinker was not applied due to the threat imposed by the perpetrator towards the victim , perpetrators taking advantage as an intimate friend being so close to target young children when they are depressed and misusing them for immoral purposes and sexual gratification etc were some of the attacks that children faced during the pandemic According to experts: children suffer from an” accommodation syndrome” and feel reluctant to open their problems to another when they are under coercion of the perpetrator. Sexual abuse is happening in children's bedrooms in family homes, with parents being wholly unaware of what is being done to their children by strangers with a mere internet connectivity .

Increase in sexual abuse ,domestic violence, sending sexualized images, pornography, child trafficking ,sexual exploitation among women and children forcing them to send their nude pictures and promoting them to commit suicides under blackmailing and threat have increased . Children usually spend An unstructured time online and 90 % in front of social media exposing themselves to potentially harmful and violent content as well as greater risk of cyber bullying.

The primary concern for shutting down schools is to ensure the healthy and safety protection of children from from being vulnerable to the pandemic there is a scientific suspicion that children can be unaware and irresponsible in taking care of themselves and can contribute due to lack of carelessness when interacting with other children who can be can suspected to be a covid positive in their School and it will be spread towards the recipients family and other social groups .The studies of Spain and Sweden gave a detailed report stating the rate of virus spread among children of all ages among schools is less than 1 % . The R value can plummet to a reduction of 0.1 % . The reports put forward internationally by the UK , USA states that online learning has put a great crisis to the physical and mental status of the youth, an increase in serious health problems such as stress ,depression and even the mental health concerns are a

national wise trauma and an unending dilemma . Problems in malnutrition are a matter of great concerns.

Financial Burdens

On the onset of the pandemic almost 100 million of the people were devastated, especially marginalized sectors such as women and children with a diverse financial crisis. Imposition of harsher lockdown and weekend restrictions would decimate small business and imperil the livelihood of many, especially the common men who are largely daily wage workers. Children arriving from an informal sector were greatly benefitted by the MSME scheme . The MSME benefits were guaranteed safety and security only for those lacking finance ,low wages ,no employment ,economic and global decimation seeking social security . Some of the major concerns were large-scale poverty and malnutrition. When harsh lockdowns and restrictions were imposed reducing the vibrant social tempo of the economy during the onset of March 2020 it devastated and imperiled the safety and security of the vulnerable and the poor .When people belonging to economically weaker sections suffer lack in food safety and there were a lot of public outrages among the population thereby they were benefitted by the” PM Ujjwala Scheme” providing organization of ration card including free LPG towards the poor for cooking and eliminate malnutrition and food security with an array of amenities such as provision of rice ,wheat pulses and grams for their daily reliefs and for survival of basic human existence .Govt shouldered the burden to provide further beneficial immunities and advantages towards the vulnerable categories especially for the betterment and health of each members of the family especially the young and newborn babies , weak ,pregnant woman.

The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana packages added scope for those suffering from extreme predicament and thereby pinning their hopes to overcome poverty, and food insecurity eradicating malnutrition were largely enriched under the Scheme to be eligible for getting govt beneficos and added immunities to overcome food insecurity ,granting 5kg rice or 2 kg wheat ,oils, and basic groceries were added beneficial under the govt scheme .The objectives was seen as the need of the hour under the National food security act .

It was also recommended by other international conventions that if such adverse situations occur even in the present conditions it is necessary to take all the necessary steps and situations to overcome contingencies occurring in the future

It was also a great concern on the part of the President condemning the atrocities and the economic impacts considering the population density and limitation of resources etc. Since Covid 19 is an extraordinary challenge to mankind which was an unprecedented crisis, Unresolved misery with a lot of ambiguity with zero solutions. We overwhelmed the situations by comprehensive diversifications of universal vaccination with successful distribution towards the entire population of the country irrespective of whether the person is financially secure to pay the vaccine or not, ensuring the lives to be protected and we launched yourself with the successful biggest vaccination drive ever.

Conclusion

Globalization, and economic connectivity has been extremely difficult to control the virus and to mitigate the risks once the disease started to spread in multiple areas of the country. India has adapted to deal with COVID cases with the implementation of the successful vaccination measures coping in the current situation. There is still a question as to whether this unfolding crisis will have a lasting impact on the global economy in terms of financial or other economic impacts. Communicable diseases such as COVID-19 have the potential to inflict severe economic, social, financial reactions on regional and global economies. As outbreaks of novel infections are not likely to disappear in the near future, proactive international actions are required not only to save lives but also to protect economic prosperity.

