

Testing the futility of human life

Covid-19 or severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2(SARS-CoV-2), more illiterately called the Corona virus has gradually in some parts but more rapidly in others has become the most notorious and brutal component of 2020. The outbreak which commenced as early as November 2018 was established and developed in Wuhan, the Hubei province of China. Spreading faster than any of the wildfires ever seen before , the whole globe has now fallen victim to the cunning virus, in a matter of days which forced the World Health Organisation or WHO to declare it a pandemic on the 11th of March,2020.

As I compose this article, India, my country, the second most populated country in the world has suffered the loss of 166 people with the tally of affected or active cases at 5,095 which is a blessing compared to the staggering numbers released by countries such as the USA, Italy , China, Spain and the list goes on. Taking away thousands of people and infecting even more, and tearing away families is how the virus continues to mock the human species in its luxury. Exposing weaknesses in governments of some countries and revealing flaws of leaders and people in power are other consequences of this deadly situation.

With this pandemic roaming around in the streets, waiting to devour its next prey , many countries are strictly following lockdown.

Thousands dead. Millions affected. Man made environment being shut down. Companies and businesses closing .Alarming unemployment rate. Tremendous economic losses. Many stranded. Rising food and other essentials shortage.

2020 is officially the year in which history books and thriller movies come alive.

Though the virus hunts down its food with much determination , two very obvious advantages contrast and have come out of this brutal period. Mother nature flourishes and thrives in her glory as human beings stay inside their houses (I wonder why?). Emergence of dolphins in canals in Italy , clean water in canals of Venice, swan and geese swimming and experiencing freedom, boars and hedgehogs visiting the concrete jungle without limitations are just a few of the benefits nature has been provided with due to the virus.

The inability to gain a vaccine for covid is the only thing which prompts people at least the majority to stay at home. Though many people try to escape the boundaries of their home, rejecting official advice from their governments, the globe's dedicated police men and other staff deal with them. As families abide in the comfort of their own homes, the birth of chefs, writers ,artists, photographers,editors,managers,gardeners and organisers take place. This intense period acts as the 'make or break'or, 'ride or die' situation in many homes existing as the determinant to check the closeness of a family . Families who get to eat a meal together without thinking about work or school is now the latest fashion. The growth of the virus has not only inspired the growth families, but also the growth of the number of Netflix and Zoom users .

When exploring in brief the different results of the pandemic, one shouldn't forget the courageous ,brave men and women, our heroes amidst humanity , angels who have come to Earth, in the form of doctors, humanitarian workers, police men, world leaders, officials, and grocery salespersons who sacrifice their lives every single day to create a difference and in some way or the other improve our day and quality of life. By honouring and saluting these guardians I conclude my words.