

COVID 19 PANDEMIC - AN OPPORTUNITY TOWARDS DIGITAL INDIA AND ITS IMPACT SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF MANKIND¹Dr.Sumanta Bhattacharya, ²Bhavneet Kaur SachdevResearch Scholar at MAKAUT , Public-Foreign-Defence Policy Analyst¹ , Political Science hons (Calcutta University) Masters in Development studies²sumanta.21394@gmail.com¹, bhavneet829@gmail.com²**ABSTRACT**

Since March 2020 , with the declaration of lockdown for 21 days , everything changed in India from the way we communicate , our education system and above all a downfall in the economy which we are facing from the past one and a half year with lockdown taking place in gaps , we have experience the first wave , the second wave which we are going through is worst than the first one , millions of people died across the world .In India during the second wave ,the country which was hit the hardest by the second wave saw the die of lakhs of people per day ,there was lack of basic medical facilities Lakh of cases have been reported .only 30 crore people have been vaccinated as per June 2021 , where as the population stand in billions , everyday lakh of people are getting vaccinated .There has been an improvement in the natural environment and a Decline in the economy . The migrant and the poor have been hit the hard who are depended on daily wages .With every thing going online , the electronic industry has earned profit with huge demand for Laptop , smartphones , headphones , the companies sold produces 10 time more than the normal days since the last one year . COVID-19 is a catastrophe which brought in some positive changes also .

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INTRODUCTION

The Novel Corona Virus has changed our lives from the past one and an half year , it is one of the most dangerous catastrophe the world is experiencing now after black fever and plague . January 2020 , the virus started spreading to different countries from China , some consider it to be a biological weapon . The virus has killed millions of people across the globe .the world have faced economy repression , all the countries have been affected by it .Starting from China to Italy , US to India . India is among those countries which is facing the worst period of the virus , 2021 is being worst for India , with complete lockdown and frequent increase in cases ,there have 3000 deaths happening per day , thousands of cases are being reported , where India was among the first few countries to form the vaccine , she has even provided vaccine to the world , yet only 2 % of the population has been vaccinated . In the early 2021 the elections held in India , has contributed to the rise in COVID-19 cases . The lockdown ever since 2020 , has resulted in 40 million people losing their jobs in the urban , semi urban and rural India , and the government with any early notice declared the lockdown for 21 days which stretched to 3 months , in which apart from the virus lakhs of people passed away due to poverty and hunger , the aid couldn't reach to them on time . The government , individuals, NGOs went out of their homes to help the needy and migrant workers but this couldn't work for a long period of time , the cases have increased with every passing day , people don't have money to feed their family , the hospital facilities in India is bad . This is lack of human resources , bed , equipment to provide the necessary treatment to its people , the condition of public hospital was never good enough , where as now the private hospitals are also facing shortage of equipment , lack of cylinders was one of the major reason for the death of lakh of people in India , where the other countries have been vaccinated , most of the countries have unlocked , where as India is struggling to get 2 % of its people vaccinated . India having the second largest population in the world , it might take a whole

year to vaccinate the word country , every state has started providing vaccination and on a daily basis lakhs of people are getting vaccinated , in hospitals , malls , schools , college every place vaccinations service is on, even if the vaccination is available , the cases are also rising , many parts of the world have started experiencing the third wave of virus like South Africa . India is right now struggle with the second wave of corona virus .

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

For the purpose of this exploration , I have used a amalgamation of two of the archetypical social sciences research tools application –as they are authentic and brilliant method to assemble statistics from multiple appellants in a methodical and convenient way . Question were asked to the common youth , public policy Analyst , urban people ,farmers , interviews –consisting of several interrogation which were dispersed among representative of each contender group .

OBJECTIVE OF THE RESEARCH PAPER

The main areas of exploration in this paper incorporates

1. Impact of COVID-19 in India .
2. The changes in the socio ,political and economy sector of India .
3. What has corona change our lifestyle.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The corona virus which resulted in the complete closed down for all economic sector , the poor and the migrant workers have been widely affected by this , they used to live on daily wages , factories , transportation restriction , make it impossible for the migrant workers to leave for home easily , there were limited inter state buses , trains started after 21 days of lockdown , that also for migrant workers to return , there were millions of migrant workers waiting at the bus without any corona virus Protocol , no was wearing mask or maintaining distance , buses used to come and limited number could return back , many migrant workers decided to walk , people were walking for 700 Km without food and water , many people died midway , some had bicycle and tricycle to carry their families . Waiting for weeks at the bus stop to return home , Individual people and NGO provided food to these migrant workers waiting at the bus stop . Migrant workers constitute 50 % of the workforce in big cities in particular Delhi , Maharashtra and Surat. International flights were cancelled , people returning to India , had to stay alone for 14 days . There have been continuous testing happening for corona . The corona brought in some drastic changes , everything went online from education to work , Work from Home become the new quote , the people who had good access to Internet and laptops /PC could easily continue with their jobs and people you didn't have faced the circumstances , many had to stop walking . The road were empty , a very grocery shops used to remain open for half a day , no street vendors were seen on the road, there was door to door selling of fruits and vegetables or majority of the people use to order grocery online , spencer , big basket , Amazon was continues at the service of people . Medicine services started online for people , there were many old aged people or youngster who use to live alone in cities. Swiggy and Zomato service was all time . Economy went online , all the transaction was happening on a digital platform , work from home had given rise to a number of problems , many companies didn't start work from home , people were getting frustrated some started ,many people started taking drugs and got used to alcohol , we also a rise in domestic violence and crime against women and child . According to the National Crime bureau record ,every minute there was a case reported on a crime against women . Corona virus did bring drastic change in our socio, political and economic

life . A lot of opportunities were opened for people who were working from home , make people started their own business to earn money , thousand of new people reached on YouTube and other channels .

FINDINGS

The economy has been badly affected in India , 90% of the population has entered into a status of poverty , may people had to discontinue with their education because of the lack of internet access , for the first few months of the lockdown , the education system didn't start online classes , there were many migrant labourers whose children use to study in the urban schools, due to migrant they had to return back , many of the rural India still don't have access to internet services and tower , they faced problems in joining digital classes .However with time , the Indian education system started with online classes at the university level and higher secondary on different apps , classes were also held on the television for primary level students , its been more than one year students are taking classes on online apps like Zoom and Google meet which has also amplified and enhanced our digital education system . The office work is happening online , however the fees has reduced and so is the income of people . The government and other International Institutes have started with many online courses for students so that they is not compromise made in the education system, well this is the case of urban India . In rural India where there is not digital education , the student are suffering , many teachers have taken the initiative and brough in the facilitate of Internet service , the cost of smartphone have reduced so that children can purchase for educational and job purpose , the internet connectivity has to be strengthen . Towers are being set up to enhance the digital platform ,where all the sectors are seeing a downfall .

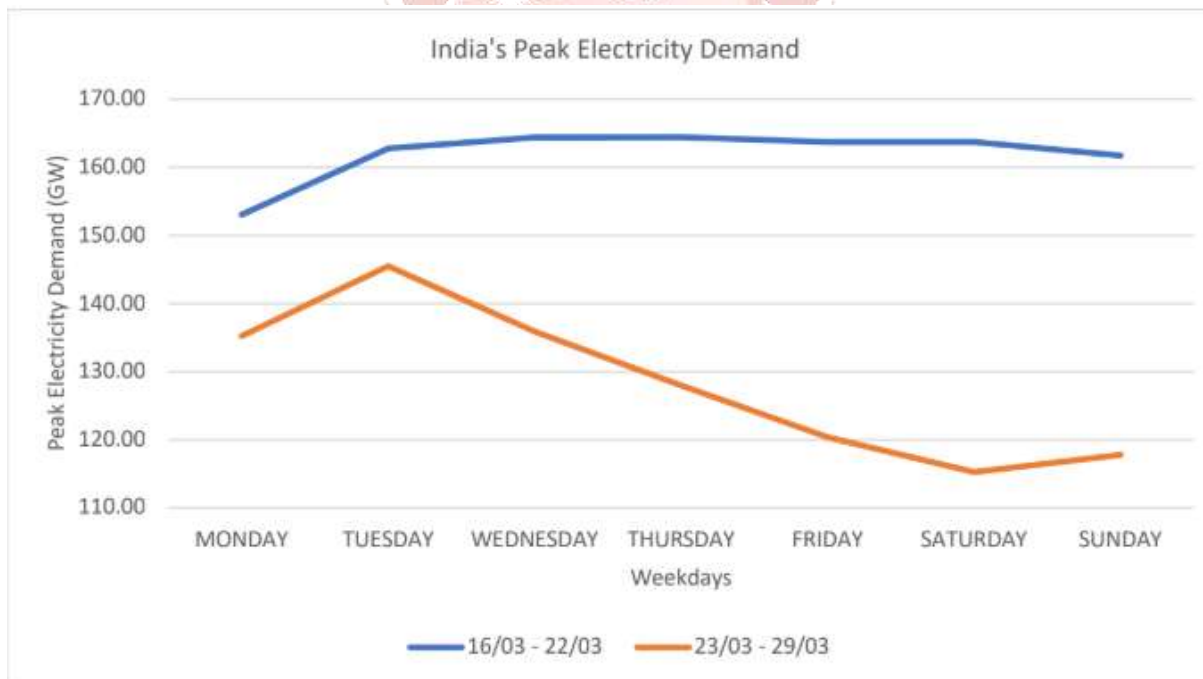
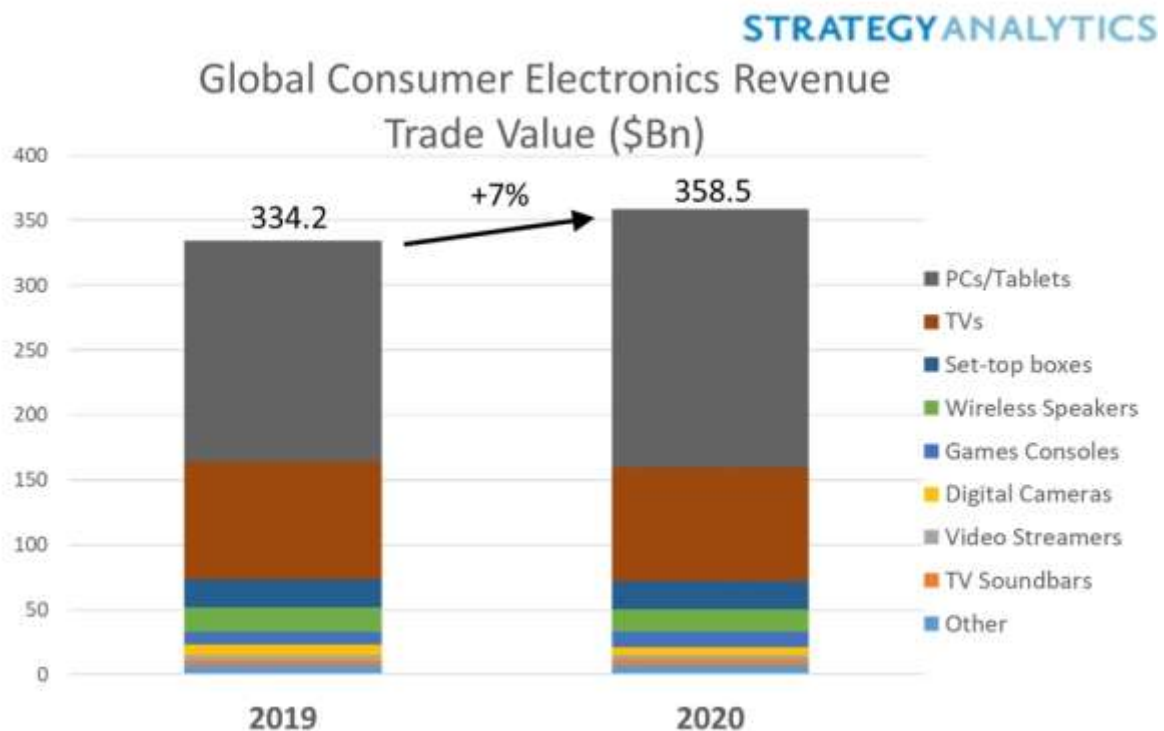


Figure 1 India's Peak Electricity Demand

The electronic industry is earning profit , the demand is very high because of digitalization .For instance Realme sold 70,000 units of its Narzo 10 smartphones in 3 minutes .Oneplus (5G) sold within minutes as soon as the sell started .13 millions phone are being sold every month with everything going online .The BoAt company has sold 2 to 2.5 times more than the normal days when corona didn't exist .All the products where sold at

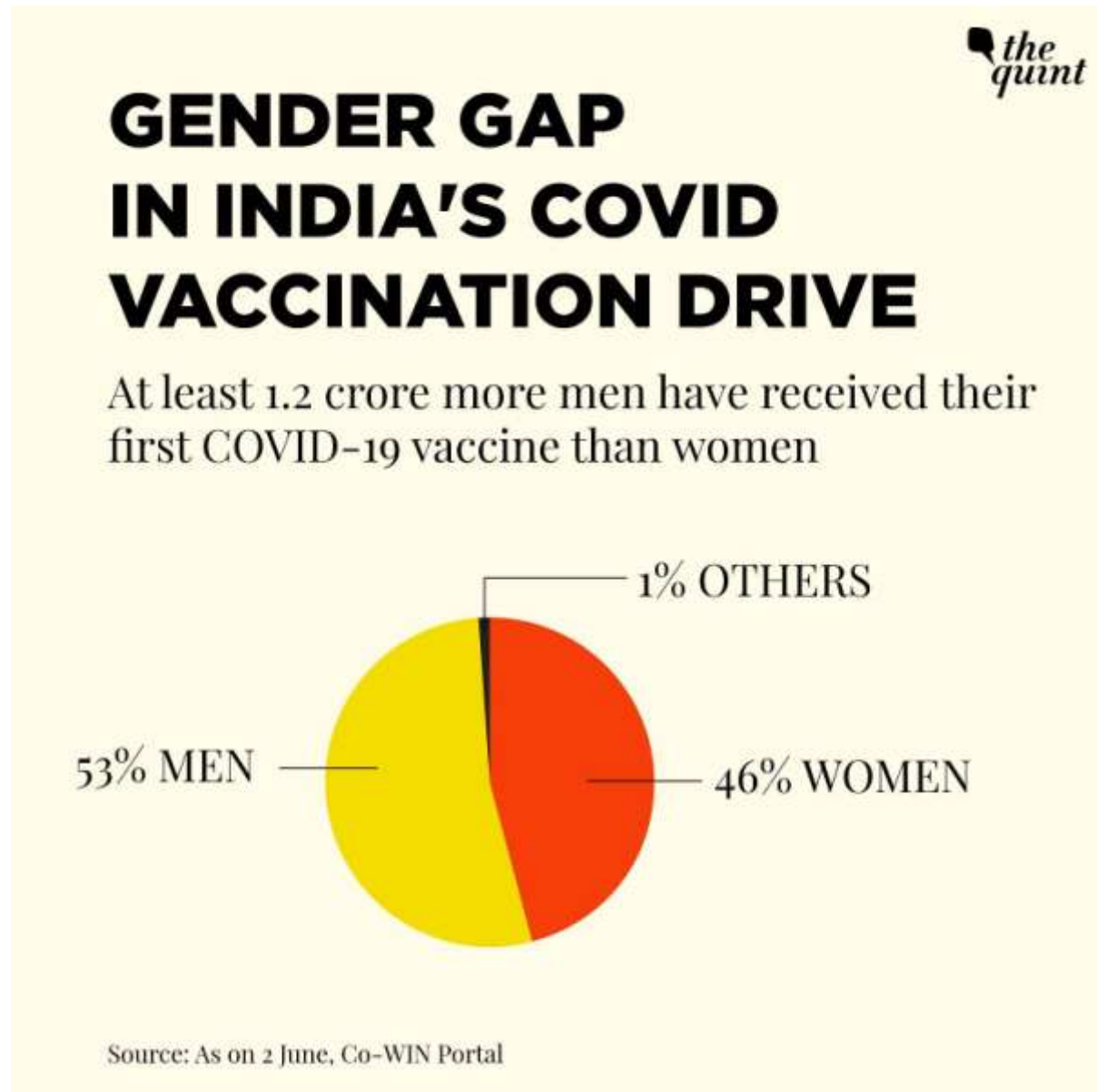
Amazon . Tablets Laptops , Headphones and wearable demands have tripled . Companies like HP and Acer have witnessed high demand for laptops .



The tourism sector has seen lost both domestic and International , it has provided the industry with the opportunity to resettle and renovate their sector , people who use to work in the hotel management sector is facing a lost. The migrant workers who have returned back don't have jobs left with them , there is humongous pressure on MGNREGA , in June 2020 the government introduced Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyann for the migrant worker in 6 states to provide job to them , however west Bengal was not included which saw a return of 20 Lakh migrants . The cafes and restaurant also suffered lost due to lockdown and restriction on the number of people at one time , the hours have been reduced , followed by the Gym industry which remained closed for a long period of time , for the people who run Gym , cafes and restaurant no alternative jobs were available for them , specially for the chef and staff who worked in the restaurant .

Apart from that the food sector has been widely affected , the country is facing shortage of food , with no economy . Public Distribution system has been opened for all now ,the government over the past one years have formed lakhs of ratio cards and the facilitates of e coupon has started so that access to food can reach out to all the people , both in the urban and rural India . It was estimated that 500 million people didn't have a ratio card , the amount has been doubled during the lockdown , with time the lockdown opened , as you require money and the factories need to be opened for production of many grocery item , as for daily wages this was the only source of income , many people in the rural and urban India died due to poverty and hunger , than corona virus . The rise of cases have doubled over the times , the second phase killed million of people , now the government has taken the initiative in amplifying the vaccination facilitates . Every day lakh of people are being vaccine both in the urban and rural India , till now 30 crore Indian have been vaccinated where we see there exist a gender gap where 1000 men have received vaccination , and only 867 women , apart from Kerala , Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh all the other states have more men vaccinate compared to women . The poor and the

vulnerable section has been neglected and are facing the issue of vaccination . Some of the Individual actors have started vaccination facilitates for transgender society in Mumbai . Maharashtra was worst affected by the virus doing the first phase in the second phase the Maharashtra was worst affected . Delhi has equally being affected with no access to cylinder . India till the last month has faced the worst affect on virus . Third wave will soon entered India which is considered to be worst than the second wave . The future is unpredictable .



CONCLUSION

The corona virus has changed the way we communicate and purchase things , technology has saved us from economy repression to certain extent , student didn't have to waste a year because of digital education , the corona virus was a catastrophe but it did bring positive effects on the environment , with complete lockdown , the lakes and ponds got purified , we could breathe n fresh air due to no emission of carbon dioxide. Mumbai marine drive looked so beautiful with clean air , the health condition of many improved , as million of people across the globe die due to air pollution , mountains could be visible from 200 Km due to no air pollution , with a decline in economy there is often a upgradation in environment .There was no cutting down of forest , everything was healing in the environment .

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