

THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND THE SOCIO ECONOMIC SECURITY THREATS IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The world for decades has been plagued by many problems, like minor economic recessions and major problems in the form of The Great Depression and the two World Wars. But, the Covid-19 Pandemic has posed unique problems the world perhaps has never experienced. It has triggered off various socio-economic security threats for the nations to reckon with and India is no exception to this.

Although India has been able to tide over the mounting number of affected persons as well as the rising death toll of the victims of Covid- 19, unlike the European countries, by a prompt decision of the Government to adopt a 'timely' lockdown all over the country, the policy has triggered off a number of immediate and long term socio -economic security threats. The immediate socio- economic security threat manifested itself in the case of the migrant labourers in India. Moreover, the temporary loss of jobs and apprehensions of further loss of jobs in future have made people all the more vulnerable. In the era of 'social distancing' the victims and the health workers like the doctors and nurses find themselves, in many cases to be socially ostracised.

The paper therefore, seeks to delve into the immediate and the long term socio-economic security threats India is facing and will also be facing in future. In conclusion the paper will also try to suggest some remedy for the same.

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