

## ***ABSTRACT***

### **COVID-19 and Indian Society**

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**Abstract:** The world has seen many epidemics but Corona virus disease (COVID) which started in the end of 2019 is still with us. Though COVID-19 started in China in December 19, it spread to other countries very fast. From February 2020, it spread to India. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi responded to it by calling for nationwide lockdowns which resulted in mass migration of workers going back to their native places. Due to lack of transport facilities, some of them had to go walking which increased their misery. Lockdowns not only brought about joblessness but COVID-19 became a big health concern. The economic impact was felt by all sections of Indian society. Outbreak of COVID-19 had also socio-cultural impact on the family and other social institutions. As there is a second wave of the pandemic in the US and in European countries; the number of affected and the deaths are reducing in India. At the end, the author gives his experience of being stranded in Australia due Corona virus lockdown and subsequent quarantine in a Bengaluru hotel.

**Key words:** COVID-19, Lockdown, Migration, Health concern, Economic impact, Second wave.