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INDIAN EXPERIENCE OF COVID -19: ITS SPREAD, IMPACT AND THE LESSONS THAT INDIA SHOULD LEARN FROM THE PANDEMIC

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ABSTRACT

COVID-19 is one of the most devastating pandemics that human history has witnessed in the recent past .It shook the World to its core by taking away millions of lives within a few weeks of its spread. India has lost around 5 lac people to the virus till now. More than 5 million people World over has lost their battles of life to the COVID-19.In a time span of two years this has not only caused the human loss, it has also badly affected the economic growth, businesses, education, employment, healthcare administration in the country .It has failed India on so many dimensions. The study focuses on the pattern of spread of this virus in India, its impact on people and the society as a whole .It also highlights the areas where India should improve as a country and should have some learning from this virus as we move ahead in policy making ,social sector spending ,disaster preparedness and so on. The battle is not over yet every now the then we come across some new variant of COVID-19, Omicron being the latest one .There is a need to have better preparedness strategies in order to deal with this virus and the losses it can cause .India has done considerably well in few areas keeping in view the population of the country .But at the same time we got exposed on so many fronts. And looking at the current scenario we should be well prepared in order to deal with any sort of problems in the future caused by this virus.

KEYWORDS: COVID-19, Economic Growth, Healthcare Administration, Pandemic, Preparedness.

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