Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the marginalized sections in India: A comprehensive study

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ABSTRACT

On March 23rd 2020, an unexpected countrywide lockdown was announced in India because of which an uncalled movement of nationwide laborers started as they had fear of loss of employment, shortage of food, lack of wages, and lack of basic life facilities. While going home, these laborers suffered a lot. They were more vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus; experienced more police brutality and more no. of rail and road accidents. Later on, after detailed studies, it was revealed that the majority of these laborers belonged to marginalized sections. In this paper, the author has explained the different socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 on the marginalized sections of society including females in India. It includes the impact on employment, education, livelihood, etc. This paper also explains the reasons why marginalized sections suffered most during the deadly COVID-19 period. The authors also give some recommendations to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the marginalized sections of India.

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