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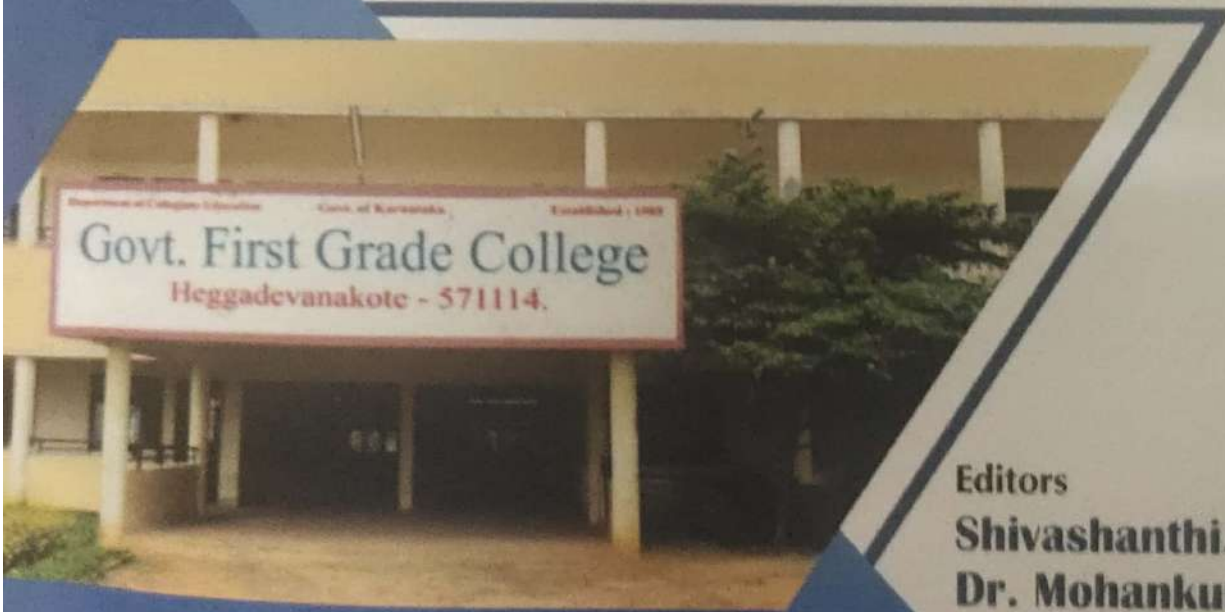
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COVID 19- A UNFORGETTABLE PANDEMIC NIGHTMARE

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Abstract: Covid seems to be a nightmare to all the countries across the globe, whether it's a developed country or a developing country. The new disease was a first of its kind with easy spreader with people getting infected with mere touch, people sitting and talking at close distance. India faced lockdowns to control the situation. This created many problems parallelly to economy other than health and medical issues, with huge loss to agriculture and industry, unemployment of workers across India irrespective of sectors. The economy has hit a new low. Government was on the edge to restore normalcy with many packages for poor and needy.

Keywords: Covid, lockdown, unemployment, government.

Indian faced a very difficult situation while facing the covid -19 pandemic. The covid disease is highly contagious disease which causes infection in lungs, breathing problems and it requires certain rules to be followed to control and contain the disease like maintaining social distance, wearing of masks, washing hands regularly, use of sanitizers, self-isolation at home. This became the new norm.

India saw the first case of covid -19 in January 2020. Within a span of few months this super spreader pandemic was taking its toll in America, Brazil, Russia, India too faced steady rise in numbers of covid-19 positive cases. To control the spread of the virus Government of India announced nationwide lockdown. This was announced by our prime minister on 25th March 2020. With special announcements made through his special talk on Doordarshan, TV. this was further extended to about two months. Essential services like banks, post offices, hospitals, doctors were asked to operate and other all non-essentials like schools, colleges, places of worship, shops, interstate transport was also were closed and stopped.

Lockdown seemed to be the only effective way to take control of the situation as the disease could spread with mere touch of the things, touched and used by the infected people. This would be a super spreader so making it necessary to stop the spread by closing of schools, colleges, later on even closures of offices as lockdown was imposed by the government. The student's community are still coming to terms with reality of attending the online classes, writing their exams also through online modes, the JEE, NNET, many entrance exams were all put out of gears, and many cancelled and postponed with lots of confusion among students, The lockdown led to many stranded in different cities and countries like students, migrant workers, tourists etc. with domestic and international flights being cancelled.

The closures of all activities seemed a shock to all with all the people holed up in their house or place where they were stranded due to covid. These actions potentially lead to dire consequences for economies around the world. In other words, effective containment of the disease requires the economy of a country to stop its normal functioning. The two months of lockdown was imposed to make preparations across India to improve the medical facilities as India has a huge population to cater to in case of medical emergencies. This has triggered fears of a deep and prolonged global recession. This seems to be the biggest economic slowdown after the Great Depression we saw in 1930s..

When all economic activities would be stopped during lockdown it would lead to many economic crises as normal functioning of the economy would be disturbed. The

- Agricultural Marketing Reforms to provide marketing choices to farmers
- Agriculture Produce Price and Quality Assurance: Facilitative legal framework will be created to enable farmers for engaging with processors, aggregators, large retailers, exporters etc. in a fair and transparent manner

Conclusion:

The Government was facing the new challenges with covid, to educate the people to stay indoors, travel only, if necessary, to wear masks, gloves, use sanitizers, to maintain social distance etc. To stop religious gatherings, to vaccinate the huge population to convince them to get vaccinated was another humongous task. Though government announced many packages it seems to be too less to solve the problems at grass root levels. Economy hitting its low added to the problems with many initiatives still needed and on its way to the poor and needy. The recovery seems still slow and a long road to travel. The after effects of the pandemic to families who lost its near and dear ones, who struggled to survive the covid, seems to be a story they would like not to remember. This has remained to be a nightmare teaching many lessons of life to learn for a lifetime.

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