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**ABSTRACT**

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of lockdown in COVID 19 is to make people aware of the disease. The quantitative analysis identifies the features that shape the intensity and duration of the optimal lockdown policy. Especially in the current situation, the absence of testing increases the economic costs of the lockdown. The world economic situation is becoming worse everyday. China was the first country to impose lockdown. The term got familiar as the virus became Pandemic every day, consequently, this was a risk in the implementation of restrictions. Enormous measures have been taken by the government where it led to significant changes in the spread of COVID 19 cases. These lockdown measures made people more confined in high-risk areas and it seems to have the potential to slow down the spread of COVID-19. The public has been offered alternative periods of lockdown and relaxation of restrictions as well. Extended periods of lockdown will increase economic and social damage and each relaxation will trigger a further epidemic wave of deaths. Recommendation of evaluation of weekly testing among the whole population in the entire city will make lockdown even more effective to prevent the pandemic. Domestic violence was increasing whenever families were spending more time together. This domestic abuse is acting like an opportunistic infection and flourishing in the conditions created by this pandemic many governments largely failed to initiate new public health measures which would create opportunities. Some studies show that MicroRNA in Indians may reduce obesity is the high-risk factor during the lockdown as there are no physical activities carried out. Intimate terrorism is flourishing as the effect of quarantine increases rapidly in the nationwide the people trusted the government and they were sure that the government would implement the lockdown successfully and see that no citizens would struggle for basic essentials and the government would implement the lockdown successfully and see that no citizens would struggle for basic essentials during the lockdown and even the alternative arrangement was also made to ease the difficulties during this pandemic. If the job of the policemen would have failed, there would have been law and order issues to maintain the peace in the country there is no data demonstrating an effective teaching strategy to increase students’ correct response during a lockdown, even lockdowns are being enhanced for Schools. Establishing a communication plan is a critical step in the first phase of crisis management. Stress during lockdown even causes pulmonary arterial hypertension. Stress causes loss of bone density and osteoporosis may cause fragile bones which leads to easy fracture of bones and skull. Parents shouldn’t visit schools during lockdowns because they cannot enter the schools during emergency situations. As per the results, the hair fall was noticed high during high schools but students feel stressed out due to online classes too. Usage of Mobile phones for longer periods creates stress as even in lockdown many depend on electronic gadgets as prolonged usage of mobile phones causes worse sleep the global economy, global supply chains, the price of stocks, oil and gold, and raise biowarfare-related concerns are the major factors of lockdown. Even as the lockdown is mainly used to control COVID 19 the principles should be followed to prevent the second wave. Most of the studies show that lockdown measures are taken in different countries. As the term has been familiar recently, many researchers found difficulty in analyzing lockdown status. Many studies did not specify the proper planning of the lockdown procedures. Previously we have done so many bioinformatics studies, morphological and morphometric studies, and vivo animal experimental studies and other survey analysis and Review analysis led us to conduct an awareness study over the past 5 years. The idea for this survey stemmed from the current interest in our community. This study is to evaluate and cross knowledge and awareness among the adult population. The study primarily focuses on the purpose and principles of lockdown. 

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Self-administrated questionnaire had been designed based on the following principles of lockdown procedures. The questionnaire includes various principles and methods that are being followed in the lockdown. The survey consists of 20 open and closed-ended questions which had been circulated among the adult population in the Google forms (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScX5pJZLQXTInWqxGgaLJqMkUdT5pTPrzBXhJ1UzHQQ/viewform?usp=sf_link) – online-based surveys finally were located.

1. What’s your age?
2. Mention your gender
   a) Male
   b) Female
3. Ur mail I’d please?
4. What’s your graduation?
5. Do you know the purpose of Lockdown?
   a) Yes
   b) No
6. Do you obey the lockdown regulations?
   a) Yes
   b) No
7. Do you feel difficulty in purchasing goods and accessories during lockdown?
   a) Yes
   b) No
8. Do you feel that bonding with family has increased?
   a) Yes
   b) No
9. Don’t you miss your everyday’s workout activity?
   a) Yes
   b) No
10. Are you aware of the situation after lockdown?
    a) Yes
    b) No
11. Do you think there is rise in Poverty as people stay in their homes for a longer period without income?
    a) Yes
    b) No
12. Do Principles of Lockdown and Emergency vary?
    a) Yes
    b) No
13. Do you feel National emergency is the only Solution to control COVID-19?
    a) Yes
    b) No
14. Do you feel difficulty in obtaining medical/ dental treatment during lockdown?
    a) Yes
    b) No
15. Do you think Crimes during lockdowns have massivley reduced?
    a) Yes
    b) No
16. Are you stressed about staying at home during lockdown?
    a) Yes
    b) No
17. If you see someone disobeying the lockdown what will you do?
    a) Advise the individual
    b) Report to Police and Government Officials
18. Does the agricultural sector face problems due to lockdown?
    a) Yes
    b) No
19. If you feel lockdown is essential to control COVID-19, What makes the situation increase everyday?
    a) People are not aware of the Virus
    b) People do not follow the rules during lockdown

**Statistical Analytics**
The statistical software used was SPSS. The statistical test used was the Chi-square test to estimate the awareness among people. The type of analysis used was Descriptive analysis which included precise demographic data. Independent Variable included was Age, gender. The dependent variable includes awareness on Principles of lockdown among the adult population.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Figure 1:** Pie chart representing the frequency distribution of different age groups of study population. 43.69% of the study population belongs to the 20-25 years age group whereas 55.3% of the study population belongs to the 17-20 years age group.

**Figure 2:** Pie chart representing the frequency distribution of gender among the adult population. 38% of the participants were female whereas 61% of the study population was male participants.

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**Sample size and Sampling Methodology**
The sample size for the current study was calculated to be 100, based on the study by M. Kit Delgado et al. (49) Convenience sampling methodology was used, and no restrictions on age or demographic characters were set.
Figure 3: Pie chart representing frequency distribution of awareness of lockdown regulations. 73.8% of the population was aware of the purpose of lockdown whereas 26.2% were not aware of the purpose of lockdown.

Figure 4: Pie chart representing the frequency distribution of regulations to be followed during the lockdown. 54% of the respondents follow the rules and regulations of lockdown whereas 45% of the respondents were not aware of the rules and regulations of lockdown.

Figure 5: Pie chart representing the frequency distribution of awareness on the difficulty in purchasing goods and accessories during the lockdown. 68.9% of the respondents felt difficulty in purchasing goods and accessories during lockdown whereas the remaining 31.1% of the respondents were unable to purchase accessories during the lockdown period.

Figure 6: Pie chart representing the frequency distribution of awareness of family bonding during the lockdown. 55.3% of the study population felt that bonding with family members had massively increased. 44.7% of the remaining respondents felt that bonding was as usual with family members as in other days.
Figure 7: Pie chart representing the frequency distribution of awareness on workout activity during the lockdown. 65% of the study population would miss their everyday workout activity whereas the remaining 35% of the study population can survive without everyday workouts.

Figure 8: Pie chart representing the frequency distribution of awareness on post lockdown scenario. 63% of the study population was in the situation after lockdown whereas 37% of the respondents were not aware of the effects that could occur in the post lockdown scenario.

Figure 9: Pie chart represents the frequency distribution of awareness of a significant rise in poverty due to lockdown. 66% of the respondents thought that there would be a rise in poverty as people stay in their homes for a longer period without income whereas the remaining 34% of the study population disagree with the statement.

Figure 10: Pie chart represents the frequency distribution of awareness on variation in principles of lockdown and national emergency. 68% of the study population was aware that principles of lockdown and principles of emergency would vary in terms of regulations whereas 32% of the respondents were unable to differentiate the principles followed during both circumstances.
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Figure 11: Pie chart represents the frequency distribution of awareness of implementing a national emergency would be the better idea during COVID-19 situation. 8% of the study population felt national emergency would be the major solution for controlling COVID activity whereas the remaining 62% of the study population felt it was a bad idea to establish in the present COVID situation.

Figure 12: Pie chart represents the frequency distribution of awareness of obtaining medical/dental treatment during the lockdown. 75% of the study population felt difficulty in obtaining medical/dental treatment during lockdown whereas the remaining 25% of the study population felt easy in obtaining medical and dental treatment.

Figure 13: Pie chart represents the frequency distribution of awareness of crime scenarios during lockdown. 63% of the study population thought crimes during the lockdown have massively reduced. 37% of the study population thought crimes during lockdown had massively increased.

Figure 14: Pie chart represents the frequency distribution of awareness of stress management during the lockdown. 60% of the study population was stressed about staying at home for a longer period. 40% of the study population felt happy staying home for a longer period.
Figure 15: Pie chart represents the frequency distribution of awareness on defying the rules and regulations of lockdown. 63% of the study population felt people disobeying lockdown can be given advice on awareness and purpose of lockdown whereas 36% of the study population felt people disobeying lockdown should be punished.

Figure 16: Pie chart represents the frequency distribution of awareness of problems faced by agricultural sector during the lockdown. 67% of the study population felt that the agricultural sector would face a severe problem due to the lockdown whereas 33% of the study population felt that the agricultural area would be safe and economically stronger due to lockdown.

Figure 17: Pie chart represents the frequency distribution of awareness of virus spread in COVID 19 situation. 67% of the study population was not aware of the virus whereas 33% of the study population does not follow the rules during lockdown.

Figure 18: The Bar chart represents the association between the level of knowledge on the purpose of lockdown and different age groups of the study population. X-axis represents the different age groups of the respondents and Y-axis represents the number of responses obtained for Yes (blue) and No (red). Association between different age groups of the study population and awareness on the purpose of lockdown was done using a Chi-square test. However, this difference is not statistically significant. Pearson Chi-square test value 2.102, p-value 0.350 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. Out of 76 respondents, 39 respondents belonged to the age group 17-20 years, 36 respondents belonged to 20-25 years of age. Hence, the individuals belonging to the age group 17-20 years were more aware of the purpose of lockdown.

Figure 19: The Bar chart represents the association between the level of knowledge on awareness of lockdown regulations and different age groups of the study population. X-axis represents the different age groups of the study population and Y-axis represents the count of responses obtained for Yes (blue) and No (red). Association between different age groups of the study population and awareness of lockdown regulations was done using the Chi-square test. However, this difference is not statistically significant. Pearson Chi-square test value 1.217, p-value 0.544 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. Out of 47 individuals who were aware, 26 respondents belonged to 17-20 years, 20 respondents belonged to 20-25 years of age. Hence, the individuals belonging to the age group 17-20 years were more aware of the purpose of lockdown.
Figure 20: Bar chart represents the association between the level of knowledge on awareness of difficulties faced by people in purchasing accessories during the lockdown and different age groups of the study population. X-axis represents the different age groups of the study population and Y-axis represents the counts of responses obtained for Yes (blue) and No (red). However, this difference is not statistically significant. Pearson Chi-square test value 4.750, p-value 0.57 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. Out of 71 respondents who were aware, 36 individuals belonged to 17-20 years of age, 35 individuals belonged to age group 20-25 years. Hence, the individuals belonging to the age group 17-20 years were more aware of the purpose of lockdown.

Figure 21: Bar chart represents the association between the level of knowledge on awareness of bonding with the family members during the lockdown and different age groups of the study population. X-axis represents different age groups of the study population and Y-axis represents the count of responses obtained for Yes (blue) and No (red). However, the difference is not statistically significant. Pearson Chi-square test value 1.283, p-value 0.526 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. Out of 57 respondents who were aware, 33 individuals belonged to 17-20 years of age, 23 individuals belonged to 20-25 years of age. Hence, the individuals belonging to the age group 17-20 years were more aware of the purpose of lockdown.

Figure 22: Bar chart represents the association between the level of knowledge on awareness of everyday workout activity and different age groups of the study population and the different age groups of respondents. X-axis represents the different age groups of the study population and Y-axis represents the count of responses obtained for Yes (blue) and No (red). The association between different age groups and awareness of everyday’s workout using the Chi-square test. However, this difference is not statistically significant. Pearson Chi-square test 0.679, p-value 0.712 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. Out of 67 respondents who were aware, 36 individuals belonged to 17-20 years of age, 30 individuals belonged to 20-25 years of age. Hence the individuals belonging to the age group 17-20 years were more aware of the purpose of the lockdown.

Figure 23: Bar chart represents the association between the level of knowledge on awareness of effects on the situation after lockdown and different age groups of respondents. X-axis represents different age groups of the study population and the Y-axis represents the number of responses obtained for Yes (blue), No (red). The association between different age groups and awareness of the effects of post-lockdown scenario. However, this difference is not statistically significant. Pearson Chi-square test value 2.207, p-value 0.332 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. Out of 65 respondents, 38 individuals belonged to the age group 17-20 years, 27 individuals belonged to the age group 20-25 years. Hence the individuals belonging to the age group 17-20 years were more aware of the purpose of the lockdown.
Figure 24: Bar chart represents the association between the level of knowledge on awareness of the rise in poverty during the post-lockdown period and the age group of the study population. X-axis represents the different age groups of respondents and Y-axis represents the count of responses obtained for Yes (blue), No (red). Association between the different age groups and awareness of poverty rise during the post-lockdown period. However, this difference is not statistically significant. Pearson Chi-square test value 3.557, p-value 0.169 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. Out of 68 respondents who were aware, 35 individuals belonged to 17-20 years of age, 33 individuals belonged to 20-25 years of age. Hence, the individuals belonging to the age group 17-20 years were more aware of the purpose of lockdown.

Figure 25: Bar chart showing the comparison of responses based on age (X-axis) to the level of knowledge on the awareness of principles of lockdown and emergency [Y-axis- Yes (blue), No (red)]. The majority of the study population belonging to the age group 17-20 years (41 individuals) was aware of the principles of lockdown and emergency. However, this difference is statistically insignificant. Pearson Chi-square test value 1.564, p-value 0.457 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. Out of 70 individuals who were aware, 41 respondents belonged to the age group 17-20 years, 28 individuals belonged to the age group 20-25 years. Hence, the individuals belonging to the age group 17-20 years were more aware of the purpose of lockdown.

Figure 26: Bar chart represents the association between the level of knowledge on awareness of difficulty in obtaining medical and dental treatment and different age groups of the study population. X-axis represents the different age groups of the study population and Y-axis represents the count of responses obtained for Yes (blue), No (red). The association between different age groups of study population and awareness of difficulty in obtaining treatments. However, this difference is not statistically significant. Pearson Chi-square test value 5.669, p-value 0.059 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. Out of 78 respondents who were aware, 48 individuals belonged to the age group 17-20 years, 29 individuals belonged to the age group 20-25 years. Hence, the individuals belonging to the age group 17-20 years were more aware of the purpose of lockdown.

Figure 27: Bar chart represents the association between the level of knowledge on awareness of implementation of a national emergency during the COVID-19 situation and different age groups of the study population. X-axis represents the different age groups and Y-axis represents the counts of responses obtained for Yes (blue), No (red). The association between different age groups and awareness of implementation of a national emergency. However, the difference is not statistically significant. Pearson Chi-square test 5.980, p-value 0.05 (=0.05) which is statistically significant. Out of 63 individuals who were aware, 33 respondents belonged to the age group 20-25 years of age, 29 respondents belonged to the age group 17-20 years of age. Hence, the individuals belonging to the age group 20-25 years were more aware of the purpose of lockdown.
43.69% of the study population belongs to the 20-25 years age group whereas 55.3% of the study population belong to the 17-20 years age group [Figure 1]. 38% of the participants were female whereas 61% of the study population was male participants [Figure 2]. 73.8% of the population was aware of the purpose of lockdown whereas 26.2% were not aware of the purpose of lockdown [Figure 3]. 54% of the respondents follow the rules and regulations of lockdown whereas 45% of the respondents were not aware of the rules and regulations of lockdown [Figure 4]. 68.9% of the respondents felt difficulty in purchasing goods and accessories during lockdown whereas the remaining 31.1% of the respondents were unable to purchase accessories during the lockdown period [Figure 5]. 55.3% of the study population felt that bonding with family members had massively increased. 44.7% of the remaining respondents felt that bonding was as usual with family members as in other days [Figure 6]. 65% of the study population would miss their everyday workout activity whereas the remaining 35% of the study population can survive without every day workouts [Figure 7]. 63% of the study population was in the situation after lockdown whereas 37% of the respondents were not aware of the effects that could occur in the post lockdown scenario [Figure 8]. 66% of the respondents thought that there would be a rise in poverty as people stay in their homes for longer periods without income whereas the remaining 34% of the study population disagree with the statement [Figure 9]. 68% of the study population was aware that principles of lockdown and principles of emergency would vary in terms of regulations whereas 32% of the respondents were unable to differentiate the principles followed during both circumstances [Figure 10]. 38% of the study population felt national emergency would be the major solution for controlling COVID activity whereas the remaining 62% of the study population felt it was a bad idea to establish in the present COVID situation [Figure 11]. 75% of the study population felt difficulty in obtaining medical/dental treatment during lockdown whereas the remaining 25% of the study population felt easy in obtaining medical and dental treatment [Figure 12]. 63% of the study population thought crimes during lockdown would increase whereas the remaining 37% of the study population felt crimes during lockdown have massively reduced. 37% of the study population thought crimes during lockdown would massively increase whereas the remaining 63% of the study population felt crimes during lockdown should be punished [Figure 13]. 60% of the study population was stressed staying at home for a longer period. 40% of the study population felt happy staying home for a longer period [Figure 14]. 63% of the study population felt people disobeying lockdown can be given advice on awareness and purpose of lockdown whereas 36% of the study population felt people disobeying lockdown should be punished [Figure 15]. 67% of the study population felt that the agricultural sector would face a severe problem due to lockdown whereas 33% of the study population felt that the agricultural area would be safe and economically stronger due to lockdown [Figure 16]. 67% of the study population was not aware of the virus whereas 33% of the study population does not follow the rules during lockdown [Figure 17]. The present study shows the association between the age of the population and the purpose of lockdown. The X-axis represents the Age of the population and the Y-axis represents the number of responses from different age groups who are aware (Blue) not aware (red). Pearson Chi-square test value 2.102, p-value 0.350 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. The age of the population was not significantly associated with the term purpose of lockdown [Figure 18]. Present study indicates the association between the population of different age groups and the awareness of lockdown regulations. The X-axis represents the different age groups of the study population and Y-axis represents the number of responses aware (blue) and not aware (red). Pearson Chi-square test value 1.217, p-value 0.544 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. The age of the population was not significantly associated with awareness of lockdown regulations [Figure 19]. The present study shows the association between the population of different age groups and the awareness of difficulties faced by people in purchasing goods and accessories during the lockdown. The X-axis represents the population of different age groups and Y-axis represents the number of responses aware (blue) and not aware (red). Pearson Chi-square test value 4.750, p-value 0.57 (>0.05) which is statistically insignificant. The population of different age groups are more aware of the purpose of lockdown.
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**CONCLUSION**

This study concludes, most of the people these days are aware of the principles and regulations of Lockdown techniques, they show a responsible attitude towards these procedures. But certain people don’t have basic knowledge about the principles of lockdown regulations and its techniques and they have a lethargic attitude to maintain their own safety. There should be basic awareness raised through newspaper media and social media advertisements that could reach the majority of the population.

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