ABSTRACT

This study analyzes the factors affecting psychological wellbeing and personal coping strategies adopted by individuals, “during the lockdown of the COVID-19 pandemic”. Ox CAP-MH and Brief COPE was used to develop an online survey. Using the data collected from 351 respondents of the Indian general population, it was found that psychological well-being was affected by activity levels & social involvement; endogenous & exogenous sense of influence; leisure, bias & self worth; adaptability & mindfulness; and mental stress & sleep. Factors associated with personal coping strategies included positive reframing & active coping; defence mechanisms & self-doubt; use of emotional support & planning for the recovery of the pandemic covid-19 by personal coping; substance use & humour; spirituality; persistence threshold; using social support system. Finally result obtained is “the attitude of females and males varies”, towards the majority of the factors. The implications theoretically and in practice have been discussed.

Keywords: Pandemic; COVID-19; psychological wellbeing; coping strategies; factor analysis; mental health.
1. INTRODUCTION

According to WHO, “Corona viruses (CoV) are one of the broad family of disease-causing viruses. It causes diseases that vary like Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). General indicators of infection include trouble breathing, fever, and cough [1]. In some cases, it causes shortness of breath, and in more severe cases, respiratory failure, pneumonia, failure of the kidneys, and sometimes death may be triggered by the infection”.

In Wuhan, Hubei, China, COVID-19 was initially discovered in December 2019 and has since been an ongoing epidemic. The epidemic was called whose "global emergency".

Around 13.2 million-plus cases have been reported worldwide, as of 15th July 2020. It has also resulted in the death of more than 577,000 people across the world with the recovery of more than 7.37 million people (COVID-19 Dashboard, John Hopkins University, 2020) [2].

The COVID-19 epidemic, which soon arose as a global pandemic is not only a health concern but also a significant cause of worry that is affecting mental stability and “psychological well-being” of many individuals worldwide [3].

While the cases in countries around the world are increasing, the symptoms of anxiety and fear have been triggered, among the masses. The pandemic has caused uncertainty about the future as it has caused economic instability, work losses, financial deprivation, and social alienation within a brief period. The general population is scared and there is apprehension amongst others relating to the health and well-being of themselves and their loved ones [4].

Keeping the emergency in mind, a variety of scientific trials has been carried out around the globe to find a vaccine. However, the effect on psychological health and mental well-being and associated therapies and programs for COVID-19 stay mostly understudied. The recorded rise in mental health problems related to social isolation, physical distance, and quarantine mechanisms render more work crucial in this field to examine, identify, and customize effective therapies systematically.

Therefore, this empirical study aims to add to the current information base by analyzing the factors affecting psychological well-being as well and the personal coping strategies adopted by individuals in India. The study also aims to analyze “the difference in the attitudes of males and females” towards the same [5].

1.1 Literature Review

Psychological well-being is a part of the overall health and quality of life of an individual. It is evident from the fact that social well being is the impact of mental strength. It further emphasizes that it also means the absence of infirmity or disease. According to WHO, is “the perception of an individual of their position in life; about their concerns, expectations, goals, and standards, in the context of value systems and culture surrounding them” [6]. Further, it is stated that “the concept is broad-ranging and is affected in a complex way by the psychological state, social relationships, physical health, and personal beliefs of a person”.

Apart from this, Richard Burns has stated psychological well-being as the positive functioning of intra- and inter-individual levels, which may include the aspects of how one is related to others. He further stated that psychological well-being also refers to self-referent attitudes that cover the aspects of the sense of personal growth and mastery of an individual [7].

Several other works have concentrated on disparities in psychological well-being around the board, including gender, social connectedness degrees, individual nature, money spending behaviour [8], levels of income, and age.

Some recent works have also shown a significant and broad variety on society in general and individuals in particular.

The reported adverse psychological consequences involve signs of anger, post-traumatic stress, and confusion [9]. Longer duration of Quarantine, fear of infection, the inadequacy of supplies and information, and loss in terms of finance were some of the stressors mentioned by them regarding the impact of an epidemic outbreak on happiness, concluded that there was a drop of 74% in the overall emotional well-being as the epidemic of coronavirus set its foot in China. In yet another study conducted by for management students of the final year, on psychological well-being; they observed a percentage of 43 for the level of depression among students. Some of the reasons mentioned for the same included revocation of job offers, the downturn of the economy, issues related to
finance, and tension regarding the future. The study [10] shows the association of longer quarantine durations with increased Post Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms' prevalence.

Moreover, a systematic review health hazards due to covid reveals that 50.4% of healthcare workers showed symptoms of depression. Another 34% of healthcare workers were facing sleep difficulty, while the other 44.6% were experiencing anxiety. Also [11], in their study on mental health and the impact of economic uncertainty during COVID-19 pandemic established that there is a positive relation of economic uncertainty to uncertainty of job and disturbance of identity whereas, with psychological well-being, it possesses a negative relationship.

Consequently, this research is carried out based on the factors influencing psychological well-being and personal coping strategies. This study would help in finding out the root cause factors for the negative and positive effects on psychological well-being, as well as the personal coping strategies, which can be utilized to devise therapeutic strategies across the COVID-19 crisis to enhance the mental health of disadvantaged populations.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Data was obtained using the means of Google terms. The questionnaire for psychological well-being was designed using standardized “Oxford Capabilities Questionnaire-Mental Health (Ox CAP-MH)” and for that of personal coping strategies, Brief COPE questionnaire was used; with slight modifications. The modification included the removal of Question no. 7 and 8a of Ox CAP-MH, before the analysis, as they didn't relate to the research topic.

Ox CAP-MH is an index of 16 statements whereby items are ranked on a scale of 1-5.

The first section consisted of Demographic data, followed by Ox CAP-MH in second and third and finally culminating with Brief COPE in the fourth section. The basic demographic data included Employment Status, Age, Gender, Annual Income, Marital Status, Family structure, Accommodation during the lockdown, and City of residence during the lockdown.

The data has been collected from the general population of India, by sending the google form link through LinkedIn, WhatsApp and email using the method of convenience sampling. The survey comprised 351 respondents, aged between 18 years and 67 year [12].

2.1 Objectives of the Study

- To analyze the factors affecting “psychological well-being” of individuals, during the lockdown of COVID-19 pandemic.
- To analyse the factors affecting personal coping strategies adopted by individuals, during the lockdown of COVID-19 pandemic.
- To find out the factors affecting psychological well-being, during the lockdown of COVID-19 pandemic.
- To find out the attitude of female and male towards the factors affecting personal coping strategies, during the lockdown of “COVID-19 pandemic”.

2.2 Hypotheses

For further study the following hypotheses have been developed:

H01: In the shutdown of the COVID-19 pandemic what terms of the elements that impact psychological well-being?

H11: "The attitude of women and men is significantly different” in the context of psychological variables during the COVID-19 latch.

H02: "No significant difference in female and male attitudes" in the lockdown of the COVID-19 epidemic regarding the personal coping techniques. H02:

H12: "The attitude of men and women differs significantly"

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The data gathered from a total of 351 respondents, which includes 168 females and 183 males are depicted from Tables.

Table 1 and Table 2 show the reliability statistics which refers to a respondent's tendency to respond to an identical or near-identical statement or question in the same or similar manner, in almost similar circumstances [13]. Here, the Cronbach’s alpha, which is a mean reliability coefficient, has a satisfactory value of 0.758 for Ox CAP-MH, and for that of Brief COPE it is 0.851, which is quite good.
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Table 9 show the Rotated Component Matrix for Ox CAP-MH and Brief Cope, respectively. The columns in this figure show the component-wise distribution of post-rotation factor loading for different variables, for the factor concerned. The Varimax procedure has been used for the purpose of rotation and a cut-off point of 0.5 has been decided, to interpret the results. Therefore, all the variables having a correlation of 0.5 and above have been included and others with lower correlation have been excluded. It can be observed that- Ox CAP-MH Variable 1 and Ox CAP-MH Variable 2 have high loadings on Factor 1. Ox CAP-MH Variable 9a, Ox CAP-MH Variable 9e, Ox CAP-MH Variable 9f, and Ox CAP-MH Variable 9g have high loadings on Factor 2. Similarly, Ox CAP-MH Variable 4, Ox CAP-MH Variable 8, and Ox CAP-MH Variable 9h have high loadings on Factor 3. Ox CAP-MH Variable 5 and Ox CAP-MH is Variable 9c.

As depicted from Tables that- Variable Brief COPE 1, Variable Brief COPE 7, Variable Brief COPE 10, Variable Brief COPE 12, and Variable Brief COPE 20 have high loadings on Factor 1. Variable Brief COPE 6, Variable Brief COPE 8, Variable Brief COPE 9, Variable Brief COPE 13, and Variable Brief COPE 26 have high loadings on Factor 2. Variable Brief COPE 5, Variable Brief COPE 14, Variable Brief COPE 15, and Variable Brief COPE 25 have high loadings on Factor 3. Variable Brief COPE 11, Variable Brief COPE 21, and Variable Brief COPE 28 have high loadings on Factor 4. Variable Brief COPE 22, and Variable Brief COPE 27 have high loadings on Factor 5. Variable Brief COPE 2, and Variable Brief COPE 16 have high loadings on Factor 6. Variable Brief COPE 23 has high loading on Factor 7 [14].

In table 10, the variables obtained from the Rotated Component Matrix are listed under each of their respective derived components, and the Factors are labelled depending on the variables within each component. Therefore, the factors affecting the Lockdown of are Similarity, the factors affecting the Personal Coping Strategies, during the Lockdown of COVID-19 Pandemic are (Table 11)- 1)Positive Reframing and Active Coping, 2)Defence Mechanisms and self-doubt, 3)Use of Emotional Support and Planning, 4)Substance Use and Humour, 5)Spirituality, 6)Persistence Threshold, 7)Using Social Support System.

Table 12 represent the statistics for "independent sample t-Test" for 2 separate groups of gender viz. female and male.

As shown in Table 12, the Sig. for some of the variables. Therefore, we can conclude that there is a significant difference in the attitude of female and male towards COVID-19 pandemic, with respect to the following variables-

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**Table 1. Reliability statistics for Ox CAP-MH**

| "Reliability Statistics" |  |
|--------------------------|---|
| Cronbach’s Alpha | No of Items |
| 0.758 | 15 |

**Table 2. Reliability statistics for brief cope**

| "Reliability Statistics" |  |
|--------------------------|---|
| Cronbach’s Alpha | N of Items |
| .851 | 28 |

Table 3 and Table 4 represent the list of complete statements or questions for which the short names are used in the analysis tables.

The Descriptive statistics reflect the summary statistics for data measures and scale variables. Here, the mean values for the variables of Ox CAP-MH, range from 2.71 to 3.85, and for that of the Brief COPE variables, the mean statistics range from 1.78 to 2.94, as shown by Table 5 And Table 6.

Table 5 show the statistics for figures indicate the proportion of variance as the common variance, for different variables used in the analysis. This can also be stated as the common variance that is attributed to the underlying factors. A strong value of this metric (from 0.5 to 1) suggests the suitability of the “factor analysis” with the data at hand, while a small statistical is inappropriate. Here, the KMO statistic for Ox CAP-MH is computed as 0.797 (Table 7), which is in the middling range, and for that of Brief COPE, it is 0.808 (Table 8), which is in the meritorious range, which shows the adequacy of the sample.

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### Table 3. Ox CAP-MH statements with their short names

| Question                                                                 | Name given during analysis |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9b) “I am free to express my views, including political and religious views”. (DURING LOCK-DOWN) | 9b) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9b   |
| 9c) “I am able to appreciate and value plants, animals and the world of nature”. (DURING LOCK-DOWN) | 9c) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9c   |
| 9d) “I will respect value and appreciate people around me”. (DURING LOCK-DOWN) | 9d) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9d   |
| 9e) “I find it easy to enjoy the love, care and support of my family and/or friends”. (DURING LOCK-DOWN) | 9e) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9e   |
| 9f) “I am free to decide for myself how to live my life”. (DURING LOCK-DOWN) | 9f) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9f   |
| 9g) “I am able to use my imagination and to express myself creatively (e.g. through art, literature, music, etc.)”. (DURING LOCK-DOWN) | 9g) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9g   |
| 9h) “I have access to interesting forms of activity (or employment)”. (DURING LOCK-DOWN) | 9h) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9h   |

### Table 4. Brief COPE statements with their short names

| Question                                                                 | Name given during analysis |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. "I have been shifting my thoughts away from problems to work or other pursuits." | Brief COPE 1               |
| 2. "I've focused on the scenario in which I am doing things."            | Brief COPE 2               |
| 3. "I said it's not real to me"                                          | Brief COPE 3               |
| 4. "To make me feel better, I was taking booze or other medications."  | Brief COPE 4               |
| 5. "I have received other people's emotional support."                   | Brief COPE 5               |
| 6. "I gave up trying to handle it."                                      | Brief COPE 6               |
| 7. "I took steps to try to improve the issue."                          | Brief COPE 7               |
| 8. "I refused to accept it happened."                                   | Brief COPE 8               |
| 9. "I spoke things that would allow my uncomfortable emotions to run out." | Brief COPE 9               |
| 10. "I've received other people's aid and guidance."                    | Brief COPE 10              |
| 11. "I used booze or other substances to assist me in getting through it." | Brief COPE 11              |
| 12. "I tried to perceive things in another light, to make it look more positive." | Brief COPE 12              |
| 13. "I criticised myself."                                               | Brief COPE 13              |
| 14. "I tried to develop a strategy on what to do."                      | Brief COPE 14              |
| 15. "I was getting somebody's comfort and understanding."               | Brief COPE 15              |
| 16. "I gave up trying to cope."                                         | Brief COPE 16              |
| 17. "In what's occurring, I was seeking for anything positive."         | Brief COPE 17              |
| 18. "I made jokes on it."                                                | Brief COPE 18              |
| 19. "I did less to think of it, such watching movies, TV, reading, fantasising, sleeping or shopping." | Brief COPE 19              |
| 20. "I accepted the truth of the happening."                            | Brief COPE 20              |
| 21. "My unfavourable sentiments have been expressed."                   | Brief COPE 21              |
| 22. "In my religion or spiritual faiths I tried to find consolation."  | Brief COPE 22              |
| 23. "I tried to obtain some other people's opinion or assistance on what to do." | Brief COPE 23              |
| 24. "To live with it I have been learning."                             | Brief COPE 24              |
| 25. "What steps I was pondering really hard."                           | Brief COPE 25              |
| 26. "For things that transpired, I was blaming myself."                 | Brief COPE 26              |
| 27. "I prayed or mediated."                                             | Brief COPE 27              |
| 28. "The scenario I made fun of."                                       | Brief COPE 28              |
Table 5. Descriptive statistics for Ox CAP-MH

| N | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std. Deviation | Skewness |
|---|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|
| Statistic | Statistic | Statistic | Statistic | Statistic | Statistic | Std. Error |
| 1) Ox CAP-MH Variable 1 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.27 | 1.297 | -0.184 | 0.13 |
| 2) Ox CAP-MH Variable 2 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.71 | 1.303 | 0.256 | 0.13 |
| 3) Ox CAP-MH Variable 3 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.26 | 1.141 | 0.064 | 0.13 |
| 4) Ox CAP-MH Variable 4 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.99 | 1.089 | 0.082 | 0.13 |
| 5) Ox CAP-MH Variable 5 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.82 | 1.114 | -0.882 | 0.13 |
| 6) Ox CAP-MH Variable 6 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.44 | 1.122 | -0.355 | 0.13 |
| 7) Ox CAP-MH Variable 7 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.33 | 1.163 | -0.092 | 0.13 |
| 8) Ox CAP-MH Variable 8 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.03 | 1.112 | -0.15 | 0.13 |
| 9a) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9a | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.39 | 1.143 | -0.299 | 0.13 |
| 9b) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9b | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.81 | 1.116 | -0.572 | 0.13 |
| 9c) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9c | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.85 | 1.09 | -0.615 | 0.13 |
| 9d) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9d | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.79 | 1.101 | -0.478 | 0.13 |
| 9e) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9e | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.54 | 1.094 | -0.232 | 0.13 |
| 9f) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9f | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.54 | 1.092 | -0.225 | 0.13 |
| 9g) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9g | 351 | 1 | 5 | 3.41 | 1.107 | -0.191 | 0.13 |

Valid N (list wise) | 351

Table 6. Descriptive statistics for Brief COPE

| N | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std. Deviation | Skewness |
|---|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|
| Statistic | Statistic | Statistic | Statistic | Statistic | Statistic | Std. Error |
| 1 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.83 | 1.043 | -1.14 | .130 |
| 2 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.77 | 1.031 | -0.04 | .130 |
| 3 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.22 | 1.056 | 0.613 | .130 |
| 4 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 1.78 | 1.026 | 1.313 | .130 |
| 5 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.61 | 1.033 | 0.118 | .130 |
| 6 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.21 | 1.030 | 0.606 | .130 |
| 7 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.84 | 1.042 | -1.13 | .130 |
| 8 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.04 | 1.042 | 0.812 | .130 |
| 9 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.41 | 1.032 | 0.391 | .130 |
| 10 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.58 | 1.011 | 0.193 | .130 |
| 11 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 1.78 | 1.017 | 1.303 | .130 |
| 12 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.74 | 1.042 | 0.008 | .130 |
| 13 | 351 | 1 | 5 | 2.23 | 1.044 | 0.592 | .130 |
### Descriptive Statistics

| Brief COPE | N  | Minimum | Maximum | Mean  | Std. Deviation | Skewness | Std. Error |
|------------|----|---------|---------|-------|----------------|----------|------------|
| Statistic  | Statistic | Statistic | Statistic |       |                | Statistic |            |
| 14         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.77  | 1.068          | -.079    | .130       |
| 15         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.68  | 1.021          | .134     | .130       |
| 16         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.15  | 1.049          | .696     | .130       |
| 17         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.96  | .951           | -.427    | .130       |
| 18         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.35  | 1.023          | .458     | .130       |
| 19         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.64  | 1.027          | .141     | .130       |
| 20         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.94  | 1.053          | -.279    | .130       |
| 21         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.38  | 1.043          | .256     | .130       |
| 22         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.45  | 1.078          | .288     | .130       |
| 23         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.58  | 1.005          | .184     | .130       |
| 24         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.91  | 1.005          | -.201    | .130       |
| 25         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.69  | .984           | .077     | .130       |
| 26         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 1.99  | 1.035          | .934     | .130       |
| 27         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.54  | 1.081          | .214     | .130       |
| 28         | 351 | 1       | 5       | 2.12  | 1.046          | .723     | .130       |
| Valid N (list wise) | | | | | | | |
| 351       |     |         |         |       |                |          |            |

Table 7. “KMO and Bartlett’s” statistics for Brief COPE

| KMO and Bartlett's Test |   |
|-------------------------|--|
| Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy. | .808 |
| Bartlett's Test of Sphericity |   |
| Approx. Chi-Square | 5742.743 |
| df | 378 |
| Sig. | .000 |

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Table 8. "Rotated component matrix" for Ox CAP-MH

| Component | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1) Ox CAP-MH Variable 1 | .770    | .085    | .088    | .140    | .265    |
| 2) Ox CAP-MH Variable 2 | -.832   | .016    | .095    | -.194   | -.069   |
| 3) Ox CAP-MH Variable 3 | .124    | .126    | -.027   | .219    | .867    |
| 4) Ox CAP-MH Variable 4 | -.201   | .052    | .691    | .097    | .029    |
| 5) Ox CAP-MH Variable 5 | -.030   | -.011   | .284    | .768    | .164    |
| 6) Ox CAP-MH Variable 6 | .438    | .127    | .268    | -.248   | .497    |
| 7) Ox CAP-MH Variable 7 | .303    | .325    | .604    | .021    | .351    |
| 8) Ox CAP-MH Variable 8 | -.263   | .761    | -.012   | .001    | .016    |
| 9a) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9a | .421    | .427    | .499    | -.319   | -.076   |
| 9b) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9b | .334    | .281    | .028    | .709    | .018    |
| 9c) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9c | .448    | .380    | .379    | .496    | -.221   |
| 9d) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9d | .203    | .595    | .073    | .440    | .289    |
| 9e) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9e | .265    | .632    | .451    | .083    | .073    |
| 9f) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9f | .349    | .640    | -.028   | .371    | .143    |
| 9g) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9g | .099    | .160    | .728    | .318    | -.039   |
| 9h) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9h |        |         |         |         |         |

*Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis; Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization; Rotation converged in 17 iterations.*

Table 9. "Rotated component matrix" for Brief COPE

| Brief COPE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1          | .573 | -.046 | .406 | -.033 | -.059 | -.244 | -.161 |
| 2          | .315 | .001 | .363 | -.018 | .319 | .563 | -.077 |
| 3          | .275 | .413 | -.092 | .329 | .348 | -.431 | .091 |
| 4          | -.307 | .371 | .004 | .476 | .309 | -.158 | .456 |
| 5          | .128 | .049 | .743 | -.127 | .029 | .039 | .142 |
| 6          | .065 | .795 | -.006 | .093 | .055 | -.093 | -.228 |
| 7          | .706 | .403 | .150 | -.052 | .127 | .011 | -.035 |
| 8          | -.094 | .787 | .154 | -.032 | .012 | -.166 | .161 |
| 9          | .364 | .692 | -.093 | .038 | .178 | -.065 | -.002 |
| 10         | .568 | .277 | .235 | -.127 | .201 | .265 | .147 |
| 11         | -.229 | .311 | -.215 | .608 | .251 | -.099 | .034 |
| 12         | .770 | .091 | .176 | .133 | .150 | -.138 | -.119 |
| 13         | -.201 | .672 | .037 | .303 | .042 | .438 | -.147 |
| 14         | .485 | .217 | .610 | -.173 | -.126 | .129 | -.006 |
| 15         | .308 | -.189 | .714 | -.137 | .160 | -.188 | .035 |
| 16         | .100 | .479 | .136 | .281 | .043 | -.833 | -.156 |

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Table 10. Factors for personal coping strategies

| Factor | Variables Included                                                                 | Name of the Factor                  |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1      | 1. "I've been turning to work or other activities to take my mind off things."    | Positive Reframing and Active Coping|
|        | 7. "I've been taking action to try to make the situation better."                 |                                     |
|        | 10. "I've been getting help and advice from other people."                        |                                     |
|        | 12. "I've been trying to see it in a different light, to make it seem more positive." |                                     |
|        | 20. "I've been accepting the reality of the fact that it has happened."          |                                     |
| 2      | 6. "I've been giving up trying to deal with it."                                  | Defence Mechanisms and self-doubt   |
|        | 8. "I've been refusing to believe that it has happened."                         |                                     |
|        | 9. "I've been saying things to let my unpleasant feeling escape."                 |                                     |
|        | 13. "I've been criticizing myself."                                               |                                     |
|        | 26. "I've been blaming myself for things that happened."                          |                                     |
| 3      | 5. "I've been getting emotional support from others."                             | Use of Emotional Support and Planning|
|        | 14. "I've been trying to come up with a strategy about what to do."               |                                     |
|        | 15. "I've been getting comfort and understanding from someone."                   |                                     |
|        | 25. "I've been thinking hard about what steps to take."                           |                                     |
| 4      | 11. "I've been using alcohol or other drugs to help me get through it."           | Substance Use and Humour            |
|        | 21. "I've been expressing my negative feelings."                                 |                                     |
|        | 28. "I've been making fun of the situation."                                     |                                     |
|        | 22. "I've been trying to find comfort in my religion or spiritual beliefs."       | Spirituality                        |
| 5      | 27. "I've been praying or meditating."                                           |                                     |
| 6      | 2. "I've been concentrating my efforts on doing something about the situation I'm in." | Persistence Threshold              |
|        | 16. "I've been giving up the attempt to cope."                                   |                                     |
| 7      | 23. "I've been trying to get advice or help from other people about what to do."  | Using Social Support System         |
| Equal Variances | Levene's Test for Equality of Variances | t-test for Equality of Means | 95% Confidence Interval of the Difference |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                | F           | Sig. | t  | df | Sig. (2-tailed) | Mean Difference | Std. Error Difference | Lower | Upper |
| 1) Ox CAP-MH Variable 1 | assumed     | 23.293 | .000 | -9.161 | 349 | .000 | -1.142 | .125 | -1.387 | -0.897 |
|                | not assumed | 57.041 | .000 | -9.051 | 307.948 | .000 | -1.142 | .126 | -1.390 | -0.893 |
| 2) Ox CAP-MH Variable 2 | assumed     | 6.291 | 349 | .000 | -1.91 | 289.552 | .000 | -1.32 | .571 | 1.091 |
|                | not assumed | 16.232 | .000 | -5.992 | 349 | .000 | -1.142 | .134 | .567 | 1.096 |
| 3) Ox CAP-MH Variable 3 | assumed     | 4.005 | .046 | -3.943 | 349 | .347 | -1.110 | .115 | -1.339 | -0.97 |
|                | not assumed | 43.808 | .000 | -3.540 | 349 | .590 | .064 | .119 | -1.170 | .299 |
| 4) Ox CAP-MH Variable 4 | assumed     | 3.955 | .048 | -5.955 | 349 | .000 | -1.142 | .114 | -1.392 | -0.567 |
|                | not assumed | 9.172 | .000 | -5.902 | 349 | .000 | -1.142 | .126 | -1.390 | -0.893 |
| 5) Ox CAP-MH Variable 5 | assumed     | 7.234 | .007 | -3.456 | 349 | .001 | -1.423 | .122 | -1.664 | -1.182 |
|                | not assumed | 7.126 | .008 | -6.02 | 349 | .548 | .072 | .115 | -1.305 | .162 |
| 6) Ox CAP-MH Variable 6 | assumed     | .022 | .882 | -9.366 | 349 | .000 | -1.475 | .120 | -1.710 | -1.239 |
|                | not assumed | .111 | .739 | -3.956 | 349 | .783 | .047 | .120 | -1.711 | -1.239 |
| 7) Ox CAP-MH Variable 7 | assumed     | .106 | .745 | -3.444 | 349 | .001 | -1.305 | .119 | -.336 | .132 |
|                | not assumed | 3.201 | .074 | -3.713 | 349 | .000 | -1.429 | .116 | -1.656 | -2.02 |
| 8) Ox CAP-MH Variable 8 | assumed     | 2.057 | .152 | -9.22 | 349 | .412 | -1.096 | .117 | -1.326 | .134 |
|                | not assumed | 1.462 | .227 | -3.325 | 349 | .883 | .032 | .115 | -1.608 | -1.156 |
| 9) Ox CAP-MH Variable 9 | assumed     | 18.066 | .000 | -5.86 | 349 | .558 | .069 | .118 | -1.163 | .302 |
|                | not assumed | 8.066 | .004 | -2.92 | 349 | .240 | .069 | .117 | -1.61 | .300 |

Table 11. Independent Sample T-Test for Ox CAP-MH
### Table 12. Independent Sample t-Test for Brief COPE.

| Brief COPE | Equal variances | Levene's Test for Equality of Variances | t-test for Equality of Means | 95% Confidence Interval of the Difference |
|------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|            |                 | F           | t        | df | Sig.   | Mean Difference | Std. Error | Difference | Lower  | Upper  |
| 1          | assumed         | .034        | .854     |    | -1.721| .066        | .111       | -.410      | .027   |
| 2          | not assumed     | .055        | .814     |    | -2.476| .014        | .111       | -.409      | .027   |
| 3          | assumed         | 35.936      | .000     |    | -3.887| .001        | .113       | -.260      | .184   |
| 4          | not assumed     | 57.974      | .000     |    | -2.577| .012        | .112       | -.257      | .181   |
| 5          | assumed         | 14.438      | .000     |    | -3.561| .000        | .109       | -.595      | .168   |
| 6          | not assumed     | 70.146      | .000     |    | -1.423| .163        | .110       | -.370      | .062   |
| 7          | assumed         | 6.151       | .014     |    | -2.450| .015        | .111       | -.486      | .053   |
| 8          | not assumed     | 87.985      | .000     |    | -3.025| .003        | .110       | -.550      | .117   |
| 9          | assumed         | 29.119      | .000     |    | -2.198| .029        | .107       | -.447      | .025   |
| 10         | not assumed     | 6.723       | .010     |    | -2.218| .027        | .106       | -.446      | .027   |
| 11         | assumed         | .188        | .665     |    | 2.310 | .250        | .109       | .037       | .462   |
| 12         | not assumed     | 8.313       | .004     |    | .618  | .537        | .111       | -.150      | .288   |
| 13         | assumed         | 7.104       | .008     |    | .623  | .534        | .111       | -.149      | .287   |
| 14         | not assumed     | 4.152       | .042     |    | .643  | .521        | .112       | -.291      | .148   |
| 15         | assumed         | 3.887       | .049     |    | .598  | .500        | .112       | -.291      | .148   |
| 16         | not assumed     | 16.668      | .000     |    | .852  | .395        | .112       | -.316      | .125   |
| 17         | assumed         | 12.570      | .000     |    | 1.778 | .076        | .101       | -.375      | .019   |
|            | not assumed     | 1.805       | .000     |    | 326.516 | .072   | .100       | .377   | .016   |
"Independent Samples Test"

| Brief COPE | Equal variances | Levene's Test for Equality of Variances | t-test for Equality of Means | 95% Confidence Interval of the Difference |
|------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|            |                 | F          | Sig. | t    | df | Sig. (2-tailed) | Mean Difference | Std. Error Difference | Lower | Upper   |
| 18         | assumed         | 38.355     | .000 | 4.320 | 349 | .000 | - .461 | .107 | - .670 | - .251 |
|            | not assumed     | 14.898     | .000 | 4.378 | 331.383 | .000 | - .461 | .105 | - .668 | - .254 |
| 19         | assumed         | 5.195      | .023 | - 3.183 | 349 | .002 | - .353 | .111 | - .572 | - .135 |
|            | not assumed     | 2.071      | .151 | 5.245 | 349 | .000 | .564  | .107 | .352  | .775  |
| 20         | assumed         | 15.438     | .000 | - 1.704 | 349 | .089 | - .196 | .115 | - .422 | .030  |
|            | not assumed     | 15.438     | .000 | - 1.720 | 343.033 | .086 | - .196 | .114 | - .420 | .028  |
| 21         | assumed         | 18.161     | .000 | 5.261 | 349 | .000 | .564  | .107 | .353  | .775  |
|            | not assumed     | 6.35       | .193 | 3.415 | 338.919 | .108 | - .213 | .047 | - .423 | .003  |
| 22         | assumed         | 18.408     | .000 | 3.283 | 349 | .001 | - .341 | .104 | - .545 | - .137 |
|            | not assumed     | 3.256      | .613 | 3.415 | 349 | .001 | - .341 | .104 | - .545 | - .137 |
| 23         | assumed         | 65.874     | .000 | - 1.298 | 349 | .195 | - .143 | .110 | - .361 | .074  |
|            | not assumed     | 18.408     | .000 | 3.283 | 349 | .001 | - .341 | .104 | - .545 | - .137 |
| 24         | assumed         | 4.148      | .042 | 1.94  | 349 | .847 | .022  | .112 | - .198 | .242  |
|            | not assumed     | 2.071      | .151 | 5.245 | 349 | .000 | .564  | .107 | .352  | .775  |

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(1) "Don't limit your health in any manner as compared to most of your age"

Ox CAP-MH Variable 1 "You can socially meet friends or relatives (DURING LOCK-DOWN), with p value=0.000; Ox CAP-MH variable 2 i.e., 2)" with p value=0.000; variable Ox CAP-MH 3 i.e., 3) (DURING LOCK-DOWN), p value=0.000; variable 6, i.e., 6), p value=0.000; OXCAP-MH variable 8 i.e., 8) "(DURING LOCK-DOWN) [15].

Similarly in Table 12 the Sig. for some of the variables. Hence, attitude of female and male towards the factors affecting personal coping strategies, during the lockdown of COVID-19 pandemic, variables stated below in Table 4.

4. CONCLUSION

An in-depth expertise is very important to analyse, define and tailor effective approaches for treatments related to psychological health and mental wellbeing. The current research has been undertaken with the objective to analyse the factors influencing individuals' psychological well-being, and the different personal coping strategies and mechanisms that have been adopted by them in lockdown.

In this study, we not only revealed factors but also towards the variables included in the factors affecting psychological well-being (i.e. activity levels & social involvement; endogenous & exogenous sense of influence; leisure, bias & self worth; adaptability & mindfulness; and mental stress & sleep), and the factors affecting personal. With the pandemic's virtually ubiquitous existence, modern understanding, together with that of personal coping strategies and mechanisms, would not only help us tackle the present pandemic successfully, by devising therapeutic strategies; it will also improve our capacity to cope efficiently with potential disasters in the future. The Varimax procedure has been used for the purpose of rotation and a cut-off point of 0.5 has been decided, to interpret the results. Therefore, all the variables having a correlation of 0.5 and above have been included and others with lower correlation have been excluded.

FUTURE SCOPE

In the future, studies must be undertaken specifically keeping the underprivileged sections in mind, as they are the ones who are more prone to sufferings, during the times of crisis. The correlation between age and other well-being and coping strategies can be found. The difference in the attitudes of residents living in metro and non-metro cities, towards these factors can also be identified.

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