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A STUDY OF THE PERFORMANCE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS DURING CORONA PERIOD

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ABSTRACT

The abstract highlights the emergence of coronavirus since 2019 and how it left an impact on the performance and strength of secondary school students during its time (high tide between 2019 - 2022). The state of lockdown was followed by states over the period of three years (2020- 2021 - 2022) to combat the "global pandemic" as stated by the World Health Organisation on March 11, 2020. The era of lockdown led to the emergence or rather the growth of digital schooling among educational institutions all over the world. This article aims to review the changes brought about by coronavirus in the education sector by analysing the impact of Covid - 19 on the performance of secondary school students in the small sample area of Potong High School in Mirik, District Darjeeling, West Bengal, 734423. The study is also done keeping in view Ivan Dominic Illich's notes on "Deschooling Society" (1971).

Keywords : Covid - 19, pandemic, lockdown, performance, secondary school students, sample area, Potong High School, Mirik, "deschooling society".

INTRODUCTION :

The origins of the SARS-CoV-2 viruses have been inconclusive. Corona viruses are a big family of viruses that infects animals such as bats, camels, and cattle, but some of them affect humans too. Some of these viruses are mild enough to only cause the common cold in people but some are harmful enough to cause severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) of 2002 and the Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) of 2012.

The first human coronavirus which caused a common cold was identified in 1965, while the first deadly outbreak of these viruses among humans was with the SARS that emerged in China in 2002 and spread to over 28 other countries. Another version of this deadly virus cropped up in 2012 as MERS in Saudi Arabia. This virus was less contagious in comparison to the SARS variant but it was more deadly as it could also cause kidney failure along with respiratory issues.

The COVID-19 virus first appeared on a small scale in November 2019 in Wuhan, China. The COVID

19 version of the coronavirus causes fever, headache, and respiratory problems such as cough and shortness of breath and pneumonia. As the virus is transmitted from one human to another, it quickly crossed international borders and encompassed the entire world in a state of emergency.

Japan, South Korea and the United States confirmed their first cases of the virus within four weeks after the virus was reported as an "full - fledged outbreak" by the Chinese to the World Health Organization (WHO) on December 31, 2019.

This was quickly followed by countries such as Singapore, France, India, Italy, the U. K, Spain, Iran, Belgium, etc declaring their first Covid cases. January 11, 2020 witnessed the first fatal case by this virus. On January 12, 2020, WHO named this novel virus COVID-19 and the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses named this virus severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The worldwide transmission of the virus led "a global pandemic" being

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