

# The Impact of lockdown on various sectors in India and its benefits during the COVID-19 era

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## Abstract:

Novel Covid-19 was first reported in Wuhan, Hubei province, China, Infections with widespread up to June 2020, all over more than 200 countries in which about 97 lakhs cases has been confirmed and with about 5 lakhs deaths. Till today seven coronaviruses known to infect humans. One of the country India facing much more problems now it has been critical situation. Thousands of deaths from a companion illness or so are not the only issues associated with medical or healthcare issues. Lockdown was announced in March 2020 to till date (June, 2020), to reduce the coronavirus infections in India. Although lockdown has a huge impact on the economy, it has a positive impact on the various sectors. This study provides a brief overview of the benefits that lockdown has brought to India and this information gathered from the various sources.

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## Introduction:

Coronavirus has caused panic in the country as well as in the world. To avoid the spread of coronavirus, many countries have declared lockdown. India also has a fifth stage nationwide lockdown from 17<sup>th</sup> march to till date June, 2020. The loss that the country is suffering due to this lockdown is sad during this period some benefits have also come out in front of us. The world is troubled by the havoc of coronavirus. Be it developed countries like America, Italy or another developing countries like India [7]. All are traumatized in awe of Corona. Coronavirus has so far taken lives of about 5 lakhs people in the world. The fear is that everyone from the village to the cities has been locked down to prevent the spread of corona but due to the factor of silent carriers which is responsible for spreading the coronavirus infection [12] some action is to be needed to take against. People have stopped coming out of their homes, vehicles have stopped playing on the streets, smoke has stopped coming from factories and also gave negative impact on economy [3, 8, 9], agricultural sectors [2], educational sectors [5, 11] etc. Due to Corona due to this emergency break at the speed of the country and the world is also causing loss of money and financially, some people are paying

the price, especially children, elderly and those people, physically and mentally. Who are already struggling with some disease? It is really sad, but due to this lockdown in India, some benefits have also come out such as reduced Road Accidents, Reduced Thefts, Reduced Pollution of All Types [1, 4, 10], Improved Public Health [6], Time for Family, Empathy for Others, etc. The study is mainly conducted through social networking, news, current affairs, government websites, etc. It is briefly analysed here and is as follows.

***Reduced road accident:***

The lockdown has caused a complete braking of traffic in the country. The movement of all but the essential vehicles on the roads has stopped, after which cases of road accident have completely reduced. In the normal days where there were reports of hundreds of road accidents daily and many of them died. Along with the brakes on the trains, these incidents also broke. The events of the road rage are not visible, the number of dead bodies coming to the crematorium has fallen drastically.

***Reduce robbery:***

People have left their homes in lockdown. Earlier where you used to hear all the incidents like chain snatching, robbery, assault, gang war, rape and murder daily, after the lockdown these incidents have also come down drastically. On the first day, you would get news related to it on TV, newspaper or digital platform, but in the last one or two weeks you have hardly received any news about them.

***Improving good health:***

On a typical day, you may have seen a crowd of patients at every doctor in the street, the intersection or the city, but there has been an unprecedented decrease in the number after the lockdown. In fact, street food, chaat-samosa shops have been closed due to the lockdown. People have stopped eating fast food, junk food because of not getting out of the house. Now people are in homes, whoever is eating, eating well and eating pure, due to which they have got relief from problems like food poisoning, stomach ache or gas formation. People are resorting to home remedies even for minor problems like cough, cough. People running to the doctor for every minor problem are also sitting in their homes in peace. Good health is also benefiting our health.

***Clean rivers:***

If the factories are closed due to the lockdown, then the waste coming out of them is also not going in the rivers at this time. People coming to the riverside is also stopped, due to which there is a huge reduction in plastic and other waste. The government has created a separate ministry for the Ganges, started the Namami Gange project to clean the Ganges, the budget of thousands of crores was approved but despite all this the question was why Ganga is not clean. The situation was similar to Yamuna cleaning in Delhi. But after the lockdown, the water of the rivers has become so clean and clean that no one would have expected it. It is more or less the same for every rivers of the country, all have become cleaner and cleaner than before.

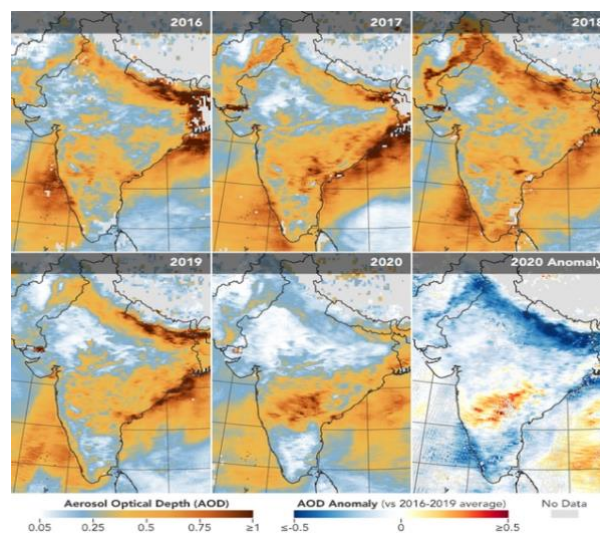
***Reduced cost:***

Everything is closed if the essential goods shops are left in lockdown. Certainly, the income of many people has also stopped with this. But if it is kept aside for a while, then the cost of the people has reduced, which is benefiting the middle-class people the most. During the lockdown, services like malls, cinema halls,

restaurants, amusement parks have been closed, saving people's money. It is not that the life of people has stopped due to the shutdown of these services, they are living comfortably because the things necessary for survival are still being provided. Overall, these things are also in the form of extras in the life of human beings, whose closure did not have any major side effects on life.

#### ***Reduced pollution:***

The fumes emanating from the vehicles are closed, the smoke emanating from the factories, after work from home, a large number of ACs are closed in the office, which has a clear effect on the air and our environment. The air has completely cleared, in cities like Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai. From Jalandhar, the mountain ranges of the Himalayas are clearly visible. The air which had to be installed in big cities like Delhi to keep clean, the air has become clean without any special effort at this time. Lockdown issues the level of pollution in India is very low, as evidenced by a photo released by NASA as shown as in fig. 1.



***Fig. 1. Aerosol Optical image of India (Source: NASA earth observatory)***

#### ***Spend time with family:***

People are not allowed to leave their homes. There is some problem for those families who live alone in a distant city, but those who live with the family have a bat. There were many problems like going to office, getting stuck in traffic on the way, getting tired of returning, due to which people were unable to give time even if they wanted family. Now people are in homes, some people have holiday and some people have work from home. Being at home, he is now able to spend more time with the family. Sitting with mother and father and children, watching Ramayana on TV.

#### ***Helping nature:***

The time that people had to remove in ordinary days is very difficult, this time is in the hands of people at this time. Due to work and other busy days, people were not able to pay much attention to the rest of the people around them. Now, when he is free in a way, he also sees the problems of the people around him. The good thing is that people are not only looking for these problems but also helping the needy by going ahead. People are taking care that no one can sleep hungry around us. One thing is clear from this that people already have a desire for help but there was shortage of time. It is clear that entire life cannot be

spent in lockdown. One has to get out of the lockdown to speed the economy back. Once it ends, life will start running back on track as before, then the benefits that we are seeing now will also change in a big way. Once again everyone will join the disaster from which we are feeling good after getting the break. But the lockdown has already explained that all this is not really as difficult as we believe. Overall, the positive changes that we have seen and felt during lockdown, if we are able to retain even half of it, then we will definitely get the benefit in future.

Further, if we are able to control the non-essential things, then the problems we face on the environmental level can definitely be avoided. So, follow it till the lockdown and try to bring these positive changes in life after it is over.

## **Conclusion:**

The March 2020 lockdown was introduced to reduce the incidence of coronavirus infection in India. The lockdown, which was implemented without any prior notice, had a huge impact on the economy and other sectors, but has also benefited to India, for example, by reducing road accidents, Theft rate reduced, pollution of all kinds reduced, public health improved, time for family, Sympathy for the others, etc., these all information are obtained from all the various sources components and a brief analysis of it is mentioned in this study.

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