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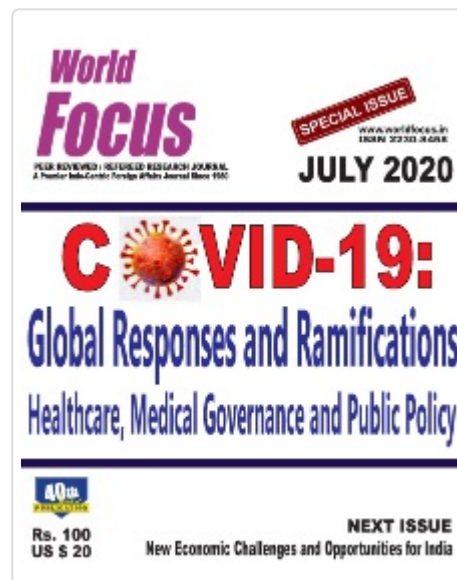
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# Editorial

Covid-19 brings back historical memories of the Opium wars during the British times. Opium was produced in India and was the only commodity that helped the British balance the books of trade for payments made for Chinese exports of silk, ceramics, and tea to the British. The opium trade, which created a steady demand among addicts for opium contributed to the chronic trade imbalance. Any resistance by the Chinese authorities to opium smuggling into China was suppressed by the British in the two wars of 1839-42 and 1856-60. The same British troops that faced the first 1857 war of Independence in India, went on to China, reaching China in June 1858 and after defeating the Chinese got the Qing dynasty to sign unilateral treaties favoring the British and the French, in addition to the freedom of movement of Christian missionaries. Imperialistic domination of nations did not stop travel of even unsafe drugs through illegal channels where economic interests were involved.

The Covid-19 virus is alleged to have escaped from a lab in Wuhan, whether it be the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or the research labs at Wuhan, i.e., the Chinese Centre for Disease Prevention and control (CCDC). China has issued a white paper denying any responsibility for the Wuhan origin or the Covid-19 mess in the world. As the world put brakes on China's capture of western global institutions to advance its interests with money at its disposal, China fights a fierce battle to salvage its reputation. Today one cannot say whether China's march from the Middle Kingdom to the Main Kingdom of the world has been halted or not due to the Covid-19. The world went after cheap products and China grew on ever growing scales. With economies of scale and cheaper products, China continued mastering the western knowhow and technology that it received and procured in the process of manufacturing for the West.

It is alleged that China effectively believed in institutions like WHO, to be its spokesperson and promote its interests. Covid-19 has made India's focus sharper in building its own infrastructure road/waterways/railways, that will help in shifting rural agricultural labor to local village/ industrial sector. In promoting the vocal for local, the migrant labor interstate may soon be a story of the past, with the government expediting long pending reforms in the agriculture sector including automation of Agriculture that will also take a good push. India can emerge as a major manufacturing base for all goods. China believes in winning proxy wars without fighting. India has strengthened its Northern borders with military and road infrastructure. Historically, from 1500s to 1700s India and China were the largest economies. Even as late as in the 1980s India was the 9th largest economy followed by China at 10th position. Thereafter China overtook and today in PPP terms India's GDP ranks behind China and the US, and in per capita income India is much lower. India must catch up which it has the capacity to do. In the long journey of at least 500 plus years from 1500 to 2030, India should again aim to be on the top. Economic ties of India and China are historical. President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have a historical role to play not only in settling borders but on a Global response in tandem with the US, the British, the EU and world at large to address the most critical issue at hand – that of medical governance and public policy. Never before has it been clearer that medical economy is the bane of financial well-being of any nation and the world has no choice but to come together on this.

## COVID-19: Global Responses and Ramifications: Healthcare, Medical Governance and Public Policy

Covid-19: Lockdown, Geopolitics and Leadership  
Prof. Sudhanshu Tripathi

Fortunately, the overall situation in India is far better as compared to most of the other rich powers including the US, because the otherwise worsening pandemic due to Covid-19 has been well-controlled under the visionary leadership of PM Narendra Modi, by immediately imposing three week's lock down and further extending it by 19 days, which had amazingly reduced the likely figure of eight lakhs plus Corona virus-infected patients to around few thousands by the end of lockdown 2.0. But as is clearly visible that the pandemic is still beyond the expected limits in many parts of the country despite two months long efforts by both Union and states governments to contain its spread and that is substantiated by the rising number of Corona infected patients.

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## COVID-19: The Invisible Enemy And the Visible Desperations What would be the Post-COVID-19 Global Order ?

**Dr. Alok Kumar Gupta**

In 1918, the Spanish Flu infected 500 million people globally, when the world's population was just 1.8 billion. The pandemic claimed the lives of 50 million people—14 million to 18 million of them in India alone. It means ten percent of the population was eliminated by the flu from planet earth. The world was different then. Weapons and technology have not yet substituted or replaced human beings.

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## Are we proceeding towards a new world order ?

**Dr. Rupa Sen**

The COVID 19 virus pandemic, taking a toll upon thousands of millennial, points towards retribution of nature, ruthlessly exploited over the years. The greed in man prompted them to engage in amassing wealth and luxury even at the behest of nature, as security measures of life. It was never in the wildest of our dreams that a virus could bring the entire world to a standstill, causing devastating effect on the economy.

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## Preparing the new Governance roadmap for the Post Covid-19 times

**Dr. Pitam Ghosh**

The COVID-19 outbreak is a typical public health emergency. Its rapid spread has not only affected the lives of hundreds of millions of families, but it has also disrupted the pace of economic and social development, resulting in incalculable economic and social losses. In light of this, the question arises of whether the public administrators could have prevented the outbreak.

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## Impact of Covid 19 on Internal and External Security Environment: An Indian Perspective

Dr. L. Venkateswaran

Covid has not required a global economic crisis or a World War to become a pandemic. It is, in contrary, threatening to accelerate a global economic slowdown and fuel a conflict of global proportions among major powers over scarce resources and strategic influence. The on-going pandemic will have significant economic impact globally.

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## The Deadly Chinese Diet

G. Kishore Babu

Bats are linked to seven major epidemics in the past 3 decades. In the case of SARS and Coronavirus, the Chinese Horse shoe bats are the natural carriers of these viruses. The civet cats eat these bats, the Chinese people also eat the bats and the cats, both local delicacies, these viruses are then transmitted to the Chinese people. From the Chinese people then it spreads to the rest of the people in the world.

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## Scrutinizing India's COVID-19 Diplomacy: Locus, Focus and Potential Ramifications Across Contemporary Global Geo-Political Vista

Dr. Manan Dwivedi & Shonit Nayan

The global health catastrophe which is officially termed as the 'Corona Virus Disease' by the World Health Organization (WHO), and is also popularized by the catchphrase COVID-19, has taken its extensive grip across most parts of the world. And this global health emergency is the most exigent global crisis of the 20th as well as the 21st Century before the entire human global race post the Second World War (1939-45).

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## Regional Organizations from the Global South COVID-19 and Medical Governance: Responses and

# Imperatives

Dr. Pranav Kumar

The COVID-crisis has apparently halted the unsteady chariot of globalization and given a new lease of life to the Westphalian inter-state system, as the tendency of outward interaction has given way to more inward looking orientation, from global to national and from national to local. The nation-states have yet again emerged as the central actors in combating the novel coronavirus and mitigating various unfavorable repercussions emanating as a direct and indirect outcomes of the pandemic.

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## Extra-Health Ramifications of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Role of the UN

Dr. Kamla and Brijesh

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the crucial role of the UN and its agencies and is a stark reminder of the importance of effective multilateralism. As the coronavirus does not see borders or discriminate, the fight to defeat it should not result in stigmatisation, inequality or injustice. The pandemic has put the complex systems of the world to catastrophes, and therefore it has affected the lives of the most vulnerable classes of people like refugees, people living in conflict areas, informal sector labourers, women and children.

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## COVID-19 and Gender Issues: Challenges and Responses

Dr. Sumit Saurabh Srivastava & Kriti Mishra

In the times of the global Coronavirus disease (hereafter referred to as COVID-19) pandemic, the objective of the paper is to outline issues, challenges and responses with reference to gender at the global, regional and national levels. The paper locates both challenges and responses of the COVID-19 within the feminist understanding of the society and social order.

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## COVID 19 Devastated Effect on “DIGITAL UNDERCLASS”: Plight of Informal Labors

Dr. Neha Nainwal & Dr. Binit Lal

The novel corona Virus which originated in China, up till now has no vaccine or cure and has affected more countries than both the world wars did. In the times when social distancing and isolation are the most pertinent solutions for the containment of the virus, challenges for a country like India, having a population of 1.3 billion are extraordinary. COVID 19 is not only imposing a threat to public health but also leading to a sudden interruption of business operations across India.

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## Adverse Impact of Globalization in the form of COVID-19: A Comparative Study of India, China and the USA

Dr. Chhote Lal Singh

The present article has focused on the comparative study of adverse impact of forces and techniques of globalization in spreading corona virus in the world and the emergence of political conflict among India, China and USA. As we are aware about the fact that corona virus has created many challenges before the governments and no one is able to get solution of these challenges.

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## Imagining the World Order after COVID-19

Saumya Maniny Sinha

At a time when the Hegemons are declining , when the boundaries and walls that created the illusion of their glory are disappearing , when military alliances are losing their viability , when the Global Governance model is being replaced by the precedents of Governments in action, when Modernization of warfare has made wars across borders redundant, when Bio-terrorism is emerging as a biggest threat to world peace- these and myriad such changes have transformed World politics beyond comprehension.

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## Healthcare in India: Less Attention and More Circuses

Dr. Asim Kumar Karmakar

Healthcare, though being a public good, in fact a fundamental commodity that is essential to people's well-being, leading to a demand for improvements in it, is a complex, multidimensional, multilayered challenge that included not just provision of access to care centres and hospitals at different levels, but also the entire supply chain of medical education and generation of medical specialists, technicians, and professionals, as also diagnostic services and equipment, pharmaceuticals and insurance, etc.

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# Impact of Covid-19 on South Asia: Making of Collaborative Diplomacy ?

Pratip Chattopadhyay

It has been an enigma for many across the globe about the less number of pandemic Covid-19 virus affects among countries of South Asia in comparison to Europe and America. Not less enigmatic is the fact of managing the spread of Covid-19 virus affects by the governments of SAARC countries.

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# Possibilities for New Technologies and Solutions: The Post-COVID India-Japan Relations

Gitanjali Sinha Roy

At present, our world battles the deadly coronavirus facing severe damage to world economies due to a global financial crisis and further, leading to a shortage in healthcare facilities and equipment. As most countries brave this uncalled-for global health pandemic, they also are looking for exit plans and strategies to deal with the Post-COVID situation.

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# Impact of Covid-19 on Global Health Infrastructure and India's Medical Diplomacy

Vivek Ojha

Healthcare systems are the backbone of the developmental strategy of a country. Human capital formation and demographic dividend can be achieved through a robust health care system network. When right to life is a fundamental right in countries like India, then the facilitator of this right, i.e. healthcare system needs to be well organized. A better healthcare system is the taste of excellence of real will of the government who enchants constitutional commitments for its sustainability.

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# COVID-19 and Global Health Security: Assessing National, Regional and Global Responses

Moitrayee Sengupta

Health is a global public good. Other than being a fundamental human right under Article 25 of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, public health has appeared on the global security agenda more frequently from after the end of the Cold War. Departing from traditional views on state security, the post-Cold War world has witnessed greater international cooperation and global fellowship in tackling nontraditional security threats emerging from ethnic conflict, human migration, economic instability, environmental degradation and climate change, and epidemiological crises such as the spread of infectious disease, than ever before.

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## Implications of COVID-19 on EU

Shreya Sinha

With the exponential spread of the disease caused by coronavirus, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Covid-19 as a pandemic. Although the outbreak has somewhat stabilized in China and South Korea, there has been a sudden spread of the disease across Europe, which has now become the epicentre of the pandemic. After the initial description in Wuhan and China, Italy was hit first in Europe and the impact has been immense.

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## India and West Asia Relations in the Wake of COVID 19: Challenges, Responses and Way Ahead

Vijay Kumar Gothwal

Spread of COVID-19 Pandemic in the 21st century has emerged as a daunting challenge for the world community. The current ongoing crisis has put the nations at war with a dangerous enemy (COVID-19), and it has also put many questions on health security not only for the developing countries but also for the developed world. The outbreak of COVID-19 has shown that non-security threat has become prevalent in the current scenario.

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## From an Atmosphere of Animosity to Solidarity: SAARC Amidst Pandemic Disaster COVID 19

Dr. Anuranjita Wadhwa

Globalization involves a network of activities taking place in one part of the world having its affecting other regions in the world. Under prevailing circumstances, the process of globalization operational for with touching new heights in the twentieth century has ushered in a plethora of opportunities. It believes in an integrated economy, culture, and administration. Globalization ushered in welfare and a feeling of freedom to travel across borders yet the ever-increasing process of interconnectedness across territorial boundaries has negatively affected social cohesion and decreased the level of solidarity. Against the environment of the hegemony of the developed capitalist state and great power politics, integration of states on a regional scale became inevitable.



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