

Supplementary Table S1. Categories and sub-categories identified in the content analysis of media according to the timeline

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(Sub-categories are in the parenthesis)

- Relevant news/reports
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1. Announcement of Lockdown and Panic Buying

(Panic buying, overcharging the customers and general anxiety to survive without any prior planning)

- People in cities anxious for necessities outside general store/departmental store
 - People scramble for essentials after the Prime Minister's speech
 - Essential services will be there
 - Chaotic Monday (First day of the Lockdown)
 - There is hardly anything left in most stores
 - Panic buying
 - Stocking
 - Selling essentials at an inflated price
 - The poor are not able to pay for pulse and rice
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2. Daily wagers and Migrants workers

(Transportation and basic survival and Health related concerns)

- Suddenly jobless, migrant workers on a long walk home
 - 70 people huddle up in a container to move out of a city
 - With no transport, migrants make the long march home and walk hundreds of kilometers
 - No vehicles to go out from the cities due to sudden lockdown
 - 200 used boats to reach home during lockdown
 - A pregnant woman walks 200km to reach home
 - Man cuts off the plaster, still has 240 km to go, began hobbling his way home
 - Humanitarian crises
 - Joblessness due to lockdown
 - Little or no money or food
 - Next pay would come? Not so sure
 - No income, earnings have dried up because of lockdown
 - Food/Shelter/Losing jobs and No means to feed their families
 - Health crisis
 - Homeless
 - Destitute
 - Fighting for survival
 - Hunger
 - Fear
 - Tiredness
 - Helplessness
 - Uncertainty
 - "What will you eat, if don't earn"
 - Out of job, food, and luck
 - Sex workers run out of food, and essentials, and face stigma as well
 - Social distancing at slum: A cruel Joke
 - They should see the number of people living in each house and distribute food accordingly (A possible way out)
 - Lives in camp or isolation
 - Massive evacuation as the huge mass of migrants heads out of it
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- Migrants sanitized with bleach agent, sprayed with sodium hydrochloride
- Schools become a temporary home for migrants
- Future is too fancy a dream right now

3. Stressors and coping for the middle or upper class of people (Stressed because of Lockdown and Coping and reinventing oneself)

- Travel has stopped not creativity
 - Music
 - Playlists
 - Playing together
 - Digital events
 - Online Pubs
 - Tik Tok raves
 - Exercising together
 - Fitness enthusiasts turn to virtual workout sessions
 - The global spike in gaming
 - Learning guitar
 - Online classes
 - Netflix series
 - Watching and reading about the end of the world apocalyptic stories
 - Time to organize old photos
 - Zoom video call
 - Quarantine baking
 - Housekeeping activities, like cleaning and cooking
 - Chopping tasks and washing the dishes are meditative for some
 - Employing humor as a balm
 - My half-full glass attitude comforts me
 - Exercise
 - Humming
 - Gardening becoming therapeutic
 - Indoor games
 - Staying home is a religious duty
 - Staying home best worship at the times
 - Start mental health counseling via phone or internet
 - Super rich buying hotels to self-isolate
 - Getting closer to family than ever before
 - Bonding time with our husband, we will also be doing cleaning together
 - We may become more productive working from home
- Work from home like "being in big boss"

4. Effects on mental health

(General anxiety related to COVID-19, Isolation, Quarantine, Lockdown, and pre-existing mental health issues)

- Pandemic also takes a toll on mental health
 - Anxiety, depression & fear are some common symptoms
 - Fear and worry about your health and your loved ones.
 - Changes in sleep or eating patterns
 - Worsening of chronic health problems
 - OCD, Depression
 - Children's mental health getting contracted stomachaches." If someone sneezed on me, I thought I was going to get it."
 - Challenge to keep restless teenagers gainfully occupied
 - You are bound to quarrel with your spouse
 - Will the marital relationship survive the lockdown?
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- From hallucinations to palpitations, withdrawal symptoms
 - Corona anxiety
 - 22-year youth committed suicide
 - A man committed suicide after an argument with the wife
 - A man committed suicide by jumping in front of a train two days ago after the residents of his area suspected him to have symptoms of Covid 19.
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5. Safety of Medical frontline workers

(Shortage of safety kits and fear of getting infected)

- 4 Hindu Rao (A Hospital in Delhi) doctors resigned after their demand was not met for PPE
 - PPEs in short supply, and medics get infected
 - Frontline medics fume over protective gear
 - Doctors in war without their armor
 - Compared to previous weeks, the supply of PPEs has been better, however, it is still a matter of concern.
 - Docs, and nurses at NDMC hospital (Based in New Delhi) quarantined
 - A Delhi hospital was sealed after 18 staff tested positive
 - Lack of PPE, Medics avoid loos, drinking water for 6-7 hours
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6. Crime during Lockdown

(Falling crime rates on the road and domestic violence on rising)

- Crime rates dip 80% as People stay in
 - Domestic violence/abuse up substantially
 - Extramarital affairs rise amid lockdown; extramarital app claims subscriptions are up by 70% in India
 - Hackers are using this crisis to gain access to sensitive and personal information
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7. Religious Congregation

(Negligence on the part of some people and the organizers of the conference, Conspiracy theories)

- *Sudden outbreak and detection of multiple coronavirus cases at Nizamuddin (New Delhi)*
 - Disaster at Nizamuddin (New Delhi)
 - Over 500 vicinities under Nizamuddin surveillance
 - FIR against the man who led the congregation
 - Fear they may create new clusters
 - 398 patients linked to religious congregations tested positive and the number rising
 - 2361 people evacuated out of the mosque
 - Over 1000 members of the religious congregation infected, account for 30% of all Indian cases
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8. Harassment and Stigma

(Harassment and stigma of frontline doctors and nurses, stigma towards others who are suspected of COVID-19 patient, Prejudice and discrimination towards people of north-eastern Indians)

- Health workers face social stigma
 - Patients asked me (nurse) to be replaced, maybe I too have Corona.
 - People shame us by calling us corona (Some girls from the North-East part of India)
 - Harassed and abused by locals
 - Stop racism
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9. Role of Authorities

(Being helpful, many initiatives by the Govt. agencies yet the ground reality is not good)

- Centre and state governments seek to ensure stable supplies
 - Free food grains for the poor in Rs. 1.7L crore corona package
 - Govt. plans meals for 1 lakh beggars
 - Police step in to feed those left jobless due to lockdown
 - Give shelter to stranded migrants and make them stay put
 - When protectors turn providers
 - Don't leave, we will provide food
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- Governments blamed each other
 - Seal borders to stem the migrant exodus, ensure shelter, food, wages, rent relief, and central government to state governments
 - A meal cooked for lakhs of people
 - Officials let things out of control
 - The ground situation is not showing what the government is saying
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