

Covid -19 – A Redefined Relation With Nature

It is after sunset I can now hear the sounds of chirping sparrow, serenading frog, squeaking squirrels in morning. Ahh! This environment is now what we all needed. The world is certainly a quieter place to live in these days of the lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. People have understood the importance of life over money.

This lockdown has improved the quality of air we breathe. Nature is rejuvenating, the animals & birds now breathe freedom. In fact, there is also a decrease in the pollution, road accidents, crime rate etc. The resources are getting replenished day by day. Naturalists across India, stuck at home are reporting wildlife sightings in their backyards. Twitter, Facebook & Instagram videos show us exciting scenes of wild animals walking down urban streets.

Don't you think this lockdown should be taken as an opportunity to learn from our mistakes & build something better?

A focus on nature can help us understand where pandemics come from and how the socioeconomic fallout from the crisis could be mitigated. This virus has caused 450,000 deaths worldwide, millions of job losses ultimately leading to economic crisis all around the globe.

Intact nature provides a buffer between humans and disease, and emerging diseases are often the results of encroachment into natural ecosystems and changes in human activity. In the Amazon, for example, deforestation increases the rates of malaria, since deforested land is the ideal habitat for mosquitoes. Deforested land has also been linked to outbreaks of Ebola disease.

As nowadays humans have become so selfish that is sometimes beyond imagination. Some people invade forests for business interests & on the other hand, some are

forced to search resources for their survival. We ourselves damage the ecosystem and as a result we keep paying throughout our life.

Altering and destroying nature too much can have devastating human implications. Ex- flood,cyclone, infectious disease threatens our life. As 60 -70% of infectious diseases originate from wildlife. It is no coincidence that the destruction of ecosystems has coincided with a sharp increase in such diseases.

Covid -19 pandemic is a stark reminder of our dysfunctional relationship with nature. Studies show deforestation & loss of wildlife cause increase in infectious disease. This coronavirus crisis has demonstrated our socioeconomic system's inherent vulnerability to shocks. As businesses assess how to emerge from this crisis and governments devise stimulus packages to rebuild the economy, such actions need to be carefully determined. The decisions made on how to stimulate growth and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic will determine the future health, wellbeing and stability of people and the planet.

Pandemics are therefore often a hidden side effect of economic development & inequalities that can no longer be ignored. Just as Carbon is not the cause of climate change, it is human activity not nature that causes many pandemics.

STOP DESTROYING THE NATURE, START LOVING & CARING ,IT WILL DEFINITELY LOVE U BACK.

THANK YOU!

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