**STOP STEPPING OUT to Break the CHAIN OF TRANSMISSION - Save Billions**

***Yesterday, 22nd March, even when there was a Nation-wide Janata Curfew in India - it was extremely shocking and alarming to see images and videos of people in communities roaming around on streets freely*.** It is dangerous for a country as densely populated as India.

Until now, cases of Coronavirus were due to people who travelled to Italy, France and other countries and came in contact with others who were infected.

As per analysis based on research conducted in China and the US, it is estimated there were 37,400 people in China who were infected by 18th February. Authorities did not even know about them since they were asymptomatic. These people unknowingly exposed the other larger population to help to spread the virus.

Two days ago in India, a 20-year-old man travelled by train from Delhi to Chennai. The authorities did not find his travel history of any contact with anyone who travelled abroad - but he tested positive for Coronavirus. This case sends alarm bells ringing. It was India's first case of Coronavirus due to community transmission.

In countries like Italy, Dubai, South Korea, the fatalities caused due to Covid-19 surged only after the community transmissions began. It is impossible for their governments to stop the spread of the virus infection now.

**Stepping out is as bad as a CRIME:**

***Elderly people above 65 Years of age are at High Risk of catching the Coronavirus. Indian currently has above 80 million people of age 65 and above.***

***33% of the Indian population lives in home's less than the size of a prison cell***. ***They are highly susceptible to community transmission of Covid-19.***

***24% of our Urban Population lives in Slums. People in these Communities do not earn enough to meet their daily expenses - leave alone get themselves tested for Coronavirus. Moreover, “the ICMR also set a price cap of 4,500 rupees ($60) for the test." How will the poor get themselves tested? Is the big question.***

Cases in India may have been slow so far, however, ***by April 15 the country will be overflowing with infected people***. Dr T. Jacob John, former head of Indian Council for Medical Research's Centre for Advanced Research and Virology, warns that ***India's epidemic could grow worse than the fatalities in Iran or Italy.***

**Before it is too late:**

***We are just two steps away from the Covid 19 pandemic which could hit 10% of India's population of 1.33 Billion people. More than 8 Million Adults are at risk of falling seriously ill***. The only way out is - by not stepping out and maintaining social distancing to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

***Before it is too late - Let us all contribute to keeping India safe and protected!***

**Let us all UNITE to Break the CHAIN OF TRANSMISSION!**

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