



Corona Warriors: The Real Superheroes

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Abstract:

The covid-19 pandemic has modified the lives of the people all over the globe at a colossal level. With lockdowns being imposed in almost all of the countries, social distancing and regular sanitization have become essential for life. Amid this crisis, the people who are taking the lead of the battle are our warriors, our corona warriors. They have showcased selfless determination and have been working constantly for the welfare of the people. They have put their lives in danger to save uncountable lives. Doctors and nurses, paramedics, policemen, sanitization workers, NGOs and a lot of other people are doing all they can to free the planet from the grip of the virus and ensure the survival of the human race. The corona virus devotion is unquestionable and splendid. To be aware of the fact that working in such conditions can prove fatal could not shake their spirits and devotion to mankind. They have been working all day and all nights since the outbreak of this pandemic.

The corona warriors risk their precious lives to save ours and are exposed to the deadly disease as they battle for the safety and the health of the world. The corona warriors have come up as saviours in the past few months saving over 4.7 million lives all over the world. They are displaying phenomenal and miraculous perseverance and dedication towards the welfare of the nation and the world and are doing more than what they are entitled to just to save the world from the deadly virus. The corona warriors are working twenty four hours a day to serve humanity. They put their lives in danger to ensure the safety of all. The role that these corona warriors are playing amid this pandemic is highly appreciable and significant. These warriors who are working so enthusiastically for the people of the planet are no less than gods and goddesses. Their vigour and commitment to serve mankind are splendid and deserve reverence and recognition. Their endeavours to save the lives of the people they don't even know are just magnificent and wonderful. These sleep deprived heroes are working every single day, without any leaves, knowing the level of risk involved. They have seen their own colleagues die but even this could not lower their morale. They are battling the disease every second, every day. They have set a new definition for the term 'superheroes'.

While the doctors and other healthcare staff are busy treating the people infected with the virus and working on a cure or vaccine for this disease, the cops risk their lives every day as they barricade different zones and convince people to stay at home. A major role is being played by the sanitation workers who are doing a really crucial job at this time when hygiene has become the topmost priority. To help the deprived sections, a number of NGOs have also come up with a wide range of initiatives. They are distributing food, masks, sanitizers and other essentials to the ones in need. They are making sure that they make food and shelter available to as many people as they can. This pandemic has

brought out the splendid qualities in human beings. The selfless service of these warriors deserves a lot of acclaim and veneration from the masses.

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Introduction:

"The virus may be an invisible enemy, but our warriors are invincible. In the battle of invincible versus invisible, the invincible is sure to win."

The covid-19 pandemic has posed new combinations to the world that have given it delirium tremens. New conventions and norms of social distancing and lockdown have made life strenuous and dry as asked to a large extent. While the citizens of the globe are strictly incarcerated to their homes, causing all economical, business and educational institutions to shut down, in an endeavour to win the war over this disease, the doctors, healthcare workers, and the other corona warriors take the lead of the battle from the front. They have set an example of selfless determination, putting their own lives at risk just to save the ones who they have never seen and might never see in the future as well. These corona warriors are risking their lives every day, every moment, cutting themselves off from their families and the ones they love. These people who are working selflessly, without worrying for their own lives, just to serve mankind, are in literal terms the real superheroes.

Doctors and Healthcare Staff: Risking Their Lives to Save Ours:

Since the outbreak of this pandemic, the doctors, nurses and the medical staff have not only experienced vanquishment in seeing the patients heal, but have also lost a number of battles on the way, they've seen their own colleagues die in front of their eyes. The nurses, doctors, healthcare staff, needless to say, are the most vulnerable to the disease. In many parts of the world, in spite of being aware of this fact, a huge number of under-resourced doctors are facing anomalous provocations. Doctors, nurses, medical cleaners, healthcare administrators, ambulance drivers, paramedics, and the list of our sleep deprived heroes still go endless. Covid-19 pandemic has given us a number of lessons, one of the most important of them is to reassess the value of the healthcare workers and our attitude towards them. The biggest tribute and homage that can never be paid to these heroes is making ample investments in the field of medicine and making advancements in medical technology and research. Doctors and healthcare workers are working excruciatingly hard for the welfare of the patients and to minimise the effects of the pandemic on the society. What makes their job even harder and more resilient is the absence of a definite cure for the disease. A lot of doctors have given up going home and have shifted themselves to solitary accommodations. A number of doctors have reduced the intake of water in an attempt to reduce the time for the restroom trips. The devotion that is being exhibited by them is incomparable and fathomless.

A number of intrepid warriors lost their lives while treating the people infected with covid-19. A doctor, who died in Wuhan, was just 29 years old, he had postponed his wedding to serve humanity and treat the people with the virus. But he contracted the disease from one of his patients and died a hero. These heroes jeopardised their own lives to serve humanity. Another heartbreaking story is of a nurse who took her own life after she was tested positive with covid-19

out of the fear of spreading the disease. In spite of their untiring efforts, unfortunately, some of these respectable warriors are being castigated and disrespected by some of the masked, misguided and ill informed elements of the society, when they are putting their own life in danger to save theirs. It is our responsibility as sensible humans to revere and respect them as they gamble their lives to save us from the deadly clutches of the virus. Disrespecting such people is not just condemnable and unwarranted but has no place in any part of the globe. They deserve to be acknowledged for the sacred duty they perform. The respect that healthcare workers are entitled to is limitless.

The Unsung Warriors Of Covid-19: Sanitation Workers:

The unsung warriors that India doesn't talk about, i.e, our sanitation workers, have played the most vital role indeed, not only during this pandemic but from always. In his everyday life, an ordinary sanitation worker has to endure the fumes of noxious gases and infectious elements while doing his daily job. Moreover, the pandemic has increased the quantity of biomedical waste tremendously, for instance, the amount of trash rose to six times in Wuhan during the pandemic. The onus of picking up these used gloves, masks, bandages and what not lies upon the manual scavengers who do so bare handily. These five million people who step out of their homes each morning to ensure a hygienic and pristine environment to the nation are unprotected, stigmatised, unappreciated and seen as people to be shunned.

What makes their situation even more miserable is the lack of information and knowledge. They are unaware of the affected households and might be visiting them on a daily basis. Even if they contract the virus, they have negligible access to health safety nets, insurances or any other healthcare facilities. They are the most impuissant and pregnable to the disease. Most likely to come from historically oppressed and backward communities, they face a wide range of travails, with lack of job security being the most tormenting as most of them are privately or self employed and those in the government sector are afraid as the government is ever willing to handover such tasks to the private sector. This is something which nags them more than their health concerns as well. Those employed on contract basis have no access to paid leaves, pension or any other benefits. Their salaries are nearly half of what government employees receive. According to a survey, 98.08% of sanitation workers do not get any leave. What makes their job even more onerous and back-breaking is the absence of proper segregation. They are forced to separate the waste by hand, equipped with negligible safety gear. While doing so, they are exposed to domestic hazardous wastes like diapers, sanitary napkins, mosquito repellent and what not, which makes it really filthy and menacing for them. This makes them more prone to not just covid19 but a number of diseases. Thus, whenever a crisis hits, the ones who are the most atrociously affected are the sanitation workers.

These brave hearts step out every day, being aware of the risk involved, just to ensure a clean and shielded world to the people. They are not equipped with genuine protection gear and battle with the virus with all their might. Recently, a contractual sanitation worker, who lived in the outskirts of Delhi, died due to inhaling chemical fumes while at a cleaning drive which was aimed at limiting the spread of covid19. These paladins work day in and day out without agonizing their pains and then die, without even having their endeavours cognized. It is high time we realize the importance of the sanitation workers and pay them their due respect and acknowledge their efforts as frontline warriors.

Policemen: The Warriors on the Frontline:

As the disease called for stricter norms to be implemented, policemen came to the fore. From persuading people to stay indoors to dressing up as Yam raja, the policemen have played their role in a perfectly methodical way. These corona warriors in khaki are giving it their all to serve the masses, spending the complete day standing in the balmy sun of the Indian summers, convincing people to use masks and sanitizers and stay at home. It has been a harrowing time for them, trying their best to negotiate anxious families, unruly crowds and an invisible virus. Being on the frontline doesn't just mean interminable working hours and long separation from families but it means getting infected them. The valiant policemen are risking their lives on the streets to ensure the safety of the people.

As the impacts of the disease started widening, so did the roles of the cops, making their jobs more demanding and unpredictable and their duties more multifarious. The forces have been trained for imposing isolation, but never on such a large scale, i.e., for the complete nation itself. At most of the places, the policemen have gone far beyond their duty to serve the people, reaching out to them to ensure the availability of food, medicines and other essentials. The devotion and valour that the policemen have displayed is worth a million notes of appreciation, making the people aware of the conditions and the precautions that can be put to use. They have faced a lot of resentment from the people while trying to take their samples with the people throwing stones, bricks and glass bottles on them. The attitude of the people towards these warriors is indeed hostile. People do not want to acknowledge their efforts and criticise them for imposing fines and penalties. The general mindset of the people of the policemen being corrupt and rude doesn't allow them to appreciate the risk they take while they try to impose isolation. People are unwilling to let them inside their colonies for inspection. The policemen are trying their best to ensure the safety of all. Barricading the containment zones, ensuring that the medicines and food supplies reach every household, keeping a check on the areas through drones are some of the newly created dimensions of their jobs. They are at a high risk of contracting the disease as they are involved in the widest possible aspect of public dealing. In Delhi alone, 89 policemen were tested positive with covid-19, while the figures cross 1000 for the complete nation. The demise of a thirty one year old constable Amit Kumar has casted a shadow among the frontline workers. A tall task for them is to keep their morale amid unruly crowds and the fear of getting infected. Their work is getting multiplied and diversified. All they expect from the general public is that they stay indoors, live and let live.

Role of NGOs During the Pandemic:

Covid-19 pandemic make is not just about the disease itself, it brought with hunger, homelessness, loneliness, violence et cetera. At this time, NGOs are doing their part to help the underserved sections of the population. A number of NGOs are working assiduously to benefit the poor and the destitute. The members of the NGO, Community are leading active initiatives on distributing food and other essentials required for daily life. They are spreading awareness among the most vulnerable and marginalized groups of people about safety, health and social distancing. An NGO, Anuragh Foundation, which was formed by the corporate hotshots of Noida, Ghaziabad, and Gurugam, has donated safety kits to the police and medical staff. They have also distributed monthly ration to over 350 families and have vowed to feed them till their jobs are restored. The NGO Goonj has reached out to over 83,000 families across India with over 1.2 million kg of ration and have also channelized over 1,26,000 ready to eat meals. They have also produced over 2,35,000 face masks and more than 83,000 sanitary napkins. An NGO, Allied Integrated Society or AIS, based in Delhi, is serving 80,000 meals a day to those in need. An Assam based NGO, Global Pandemic

Response Forum, has started a helpline for counselling the medical staff handling covid-19 cases under the name Dhara with over 70 psychologists.

A number of normal citizens have also come up as volunteers under the initiative of the Indian government to increase the number of corona warriors;

Engineers	37,987
Doctors	6,020
Drivers	3,620
Paramedics	5,839
Businessmen	18,209
Nurses	1,740
Scientists	2,047
Others	1,48,013

(Source: <https://covidwarriors.gov.in/>)

Conclusion:

The general public should co-operate with all the corona warriors who are fighting this battle for the nation. Rather than obstructing their work, people should try to help them and facilitate their work as it is for the prosperity and security of the nation as a whole. We can also become passive corona warriors by staying indoors and following the rules and regulations and rendering respect to these warriors.

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