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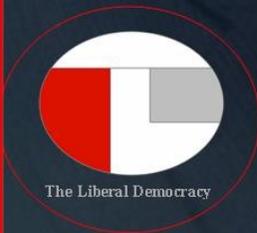
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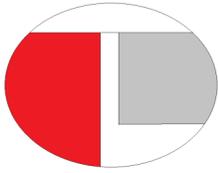
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“One courageous thought, will put to flight
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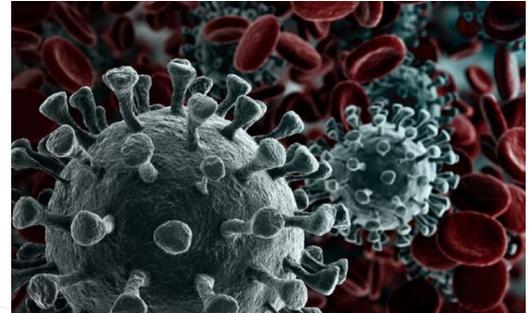
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Coronavirus dos and don'ts: Advice from Doctor

Coronavirus has been proved to be the most disastrous pandemic that the world has seen in over a hundred years, killing over thousands with millions of cases so far. Some people compare it to the Spanish Flu of 1918, or some to the SARS of 2003 (SARS COV-1), the coronavirus is designated officially as **COVID19** by WHO, but some call it as SARS COV-2, the successor of 2003 endemic of China, though the vaccinations of the former are useless to the later. Under such conditions, where we have no medicines or vaccinations, what are the things that one must follow to stay away from the Coronavirus?



Here are 5 things that you must follow to overcome this Pandemic.

1. Stay Home.

While the pandemic is on the roll around the world, you **MUST STAY INDOORS**. **This is a virus, you won't get it unless you bring it.** So, stay home and do not spread it or catch it. The governments around the world have ordered 'Work from home' (#wfh). The Indian government has even announced that the holidays to employees should be paid and there shall be no termination of employees during this period.

2. Wash Hands.

Coronavirus cannot live in the outer environment, it needs your body to survive, and the only way you will bring this virus is by touch. If you touch an infected place or thing and then touch your face, its gonna enter into your body. Hence, wash your hands.

3. Cover you Face.

The only way the virus can enter your body is through your nose and mouth, via your 'unwashed hands'. Cover your face and do not touch your face. If you want to touch your face then please kill the virus by washing your hands.

4. Eat Healthy.

Immunity. Ever thought about it? It's a good thing to have. Really. Keep your diet healthy and filled with vitamins. Believe us, you gonna need that health if you are infected. Avoid cigarettes, if you are a smoker, **you gonna need your Lungs really bad.**

5. Exercise.

Exercising (Indoors) is never bad, keep your body moving and not accumulated in one place. Give a helping hand to your metabolism, you might need it to. Its a pandemic, you never know when its gonna knock on your doors. Be Prepared. Indoor Exercise. Other than the above five dos and don'ts, the governments have found that the children below the age of 5, and elder above the age of 65 are most vulnerable to the disease and have advised them to take extra precautions. **STAY HOME. STAY SAFE.**

North Korea: The Hermit Kingdom

North Korea, The Hermit Kingdom, also known as the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK), is the country, now most talked about, hidden from the world for most of its history. Located in the northern half part of the Korean peninsula, between the Korean Bay and the Sea of Japan (East Sea), it shares a border with China, Russia, and South Korea. There are Japanese in the East and Americans on the land of South Korea.

Under its current leader Kim Jong Un, DPRK is facing several sanctions, only to loosen its grip over Nuclear Tests, that greatly threaten its long time enemy South Korea, Japan, and the USA.

North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un, is the 3rd generation leader after Kim-il-Sung and Kim-Jong-il.



How is North Korea different from others?

North Korea is divided into 3 types of administration system under 9 provinces. with “Pyongyang” as its capital.

It has a population of about 25 million, with 99% Koreans and others include Chinese, Japanese and Americans.

“North Korean Won” is their standard currency.

It is completely a Police State, with an expenditure of around 23% of its GDP on the military, with “Sungun Jung-Ji” that is their ‘Military First Policy’

North Korea uses its own calendar known as “Juche Calendar”, the date of the calendar starts on April 15, 1912, i.e the birth date of their former and first supreme leader, Kim-il-Sung.

It is mandatory for every place to have photographs of Kim-il-Sung and Kim-Jong-il hanged at walls and people pay their respect to the leaders at monuments built in their memory.

North Korea has the world’s 4th largest army, behind China, USA & India.

They consider west as their enemy (especially USA)

They have restrictions on Clothing, Website, Media. Drinks, Music, Domestic Travel, International Travel, Magazines, LGBT and so on.

They have heavy restrictions on religious texts of other religions, though their constitution provides ‘Religious Freedom’. There are approximately 300000-500000 Christian living presently in the country.

Only privileged people live in the capital “Pyongyang” who has special skills in different fields and knows to play at least one musical instrument.

They have government-approved 28 haircuts, out of which you cannot style your hair, for both Men and Woman. Leader Kim Jong Un has a unique cut that is not in the 28 approved cuts.

It has only one international airport, Pyongyang Sunan International Airport (IATA: FNJ), though there are other two domestic airports named, i) Hamhung Toskan Airport & ii) Chongjin Orang Airport.

– It has the deepest metro system in the world, with a depth of 110 meters.

– Hamhung is the only Industrial city in the State.

– Beautiful beaches at Wonsan are accessible only if you are privileged and lucky enough to have permission from the authorities.

– Recently, in 2015, this Hermit kingdom adopted its local time zone at +8:30 i.e 30 minutes behind Japan and South Korea.

It has around 800-1500 hidden underground facilities, that are mostly used as a fighter base and missile storage and testing operations.

North Korea is 80% mountainous, with the highest peak as Hamgyong and Nang-Lim. It has an active volcano “Mount Barkdy” which is also called ‘Heaven Lake’, It shares a border here with China.



*“A Tale never
loses in the
Telling”*

“Taedong River” flows through the capital Pyongyang.

North Korea has a less meat-eating population, it is considered as a luxury to be used on special occasions.

We all know that North Korea believes in the “Isolation” policy, which made them a little bit of a self-reliant nation, which is promoted by the policy called “Juche” (Self Reliance) promoted by their former supreme leaders, Kim-il-Sung and Kim-Jong-il.

Though being self-reliant, North Korea has China and Russia as its major suppliers of Gas and goods.

North Korea’s Relations with the World.

1) South Korea.

North Korea’s relation with South Korea is like a cop-thief twin brother, who happens to love each other but hate each other’s ideologies.

North Korea is a state economy and an ally of Russia whereas, South Korea, touching the Capitalist approach and a close ally of USA and Japan.

The border between North and South is divided by 250 km long **Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)** also known as **38th Parallel**.

The two forces are near close to each other at, “**Panmunjom Joint Security Area**” which also happens to be a tourist spot.

On Sunday, **June 25, 1950**, North Korea crossed the borders and attacked South Korea to gain the accession of the land, and in 3 months pushed the South Korean and American forces, limiting them to “**Busan.**”

The US and UN then retaliated and pushed the North Korean forces up far north of their land. In an agreement, **in 1954, DMZ was established.**

2) The United States of America.

The Korean peninsula, during the height of World War 2, was occupied by Japan. But, after the defeat, the Japanese left and was from then occupied by Russia in the North and USA in the South. This made the USA a natural ally of South Korea, which led to the stretched tensions with North Korea.

Even now, the children in North Korea are taught that Americans are their **Enemies.**

3) China.

North Korea shares a border with China’s “**Liaoning**” & “**Jilin**” province and has 3 border crossing with China at, i) Sino-Korean friendship bridge, ii) Ji’an Yalu river railway & iii) New Yalu river. Gas and Petroleum pipelines from China run through “**Dadong**” border into the country. China is an ally of North Korea and its biggest supplier of Goods.

4) Russia.

North Korea shares a 17 km long border with Russia, which is also a tri-junction border between Russia, China, and North Korea.

Friendship Bridge connects Russia and North Korea, and only these two nationalities people are allowed to take the bridge.

From North Korea to Vladivostok and to Russia is the world’s longest train route. This journey might take up to 9 days to complete.

5) Others.

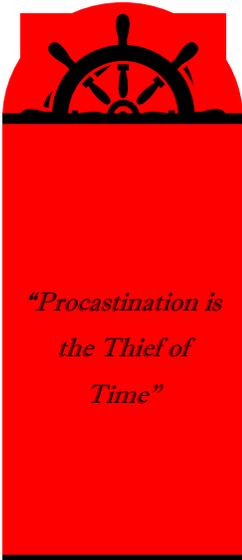
– Though in tensions, North Korea has a **3rd party agreement with the USA** for private business to work in North Korea.

– **The United Kingdom has an embassy in North Korea.**

– African nations such as **Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Namibia** have statues built by North Korea and Senegal has the **Largest statue of Africa**, which was again built by North Korea.

– **Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam** are North Korea’s natural **communist** allies, though these nations have adopted a **capitalist** approach.

There is much less information about the Nation, as they have an isolation policy, but it will be interesting to see if they ever open up to the world and allow foreigners to move freely in their country.



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Answer to that would be a big **YES**.

Let us see today a detailed inspection of the issue, covering its aspect through **Child Marriage, Education, Fertility Rate, Infant Mortality Rate, Maternal Mortality Rate, and Population Control**.

India and the UN define the youth under a marriageable age of 18 for females and 21 for males. That means any person marrying under this age limit is put in the category of “**Child Marriage**”.

According to a UNICEF report, child marriage in India was **47%** in 1998, and the UN estimated it to be **30%** in 2005. The Census of India since 1981 has shown a down-graph in the child marriage rates. Currently, the 2015-16 survey shows a further decline of Child Marriage in India, which halts at a mere **27%**.

This early marriage, because of whatever conditions, has a variety of impacts on the socio-economic structure of the country.



Increase in Marriageable Age may push the boundary limit furthermore beyond, and that may actually stop at the desired limit of Marriage at 18 for females and 21 for males. Especially for the females, to whom it affects the worst. Further ahead, we will be talking more about the problems related to women.

Early Marriage, takes away the opportunity of a girl child to seek **Education**. Thus, an increase in marriageable age will give at least a little chance for those girls to seek education, resulting in an increase in **Literacy Rate**.

The early marriage is majorly seen in the women from backward classes and from the poor households.

Early marriage is also responsible for an **increase in the fertility rate** of the women (Majorly from the backward and poor household) from society, leading to a rapid increase in population boost. According to the Sample Registration Survey 2016, the fertility rate in India was 2.2% (that means an average woman gives birth to either 3 or 2 children in her lifetime in India), but looking at the trends, **the fertility rate is inversely proportional to the literacy (Education)**.

For example, Bihar has the highest fertility rate of 3.2% with the women illiteracy of around 26%. Whereas, Kerala has the lowest fertility rate of 1.7% with the women illiteracy of 0.7%.

Thus, an increase in marriageable age will reduce the “child marriage” cases and will give a boost to educational opportunity and that will ultimately reduce the “fertility rate”. That means a step toward **DEVELOPED INDIA**.

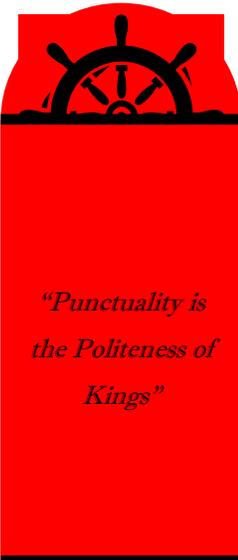
A decrease in fertility rate will also lower the **Infant Mortality Rate** (currently at **44 deaths per 1000 birth**), and improving the health of the child.

This will further reduce the **Maternal Mortality Rate** (Currently at **167 deaths per 100000 cases**), but with a strict implementation of 18 months gap between two children.

The issue here is, a girl married at the age of 16 gives birth to an unhealthy first child, and under the gap of 18 months, is under the pregnancy for her second child. This deteriorates the health of the mother and also the two unhealthy children, **leading to an Increase in Infant and Maternal Mortality Rate**.

An estimate of **22 years of age** should be set as the minimum marriageable age for females and males. This gap will push the birth rate resulting in a low population and continuing the trend with benefits enumerated above.

Thus, with an Increase in the Marriageable Age, India can defeat its major enemy of health problems and build an integral healthy, developed and Happy India.



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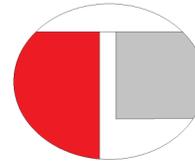


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Donald Trump threatens India of “Retaliation”

Donald Trump on Monday, while addressing the press on Corona-virus status of the USA, spoke something that might be one of a kind or new to New Delhi.

Donald Trump said, that they have demanded anti-malaria drug, hydroxychloroquine, from India, to the export of which India has put a ban, seeing the pandemic and size of the country with **1.5 billion people**.

He further added that the orders to India should be considered by them, and if not fulfilled, it will be OK, **but there will be an obvious retaliation.**

Now India has said they will be supplying the drug to affected countries and the matter should not be stretched.

India has further, looking at the choice of words by Donald

Trump, has said that it will work according to the demands they need but the ban over the drug has been taken down.

India is among the very lesser countries who are constantly providing relief packages to the affected regions of the world, let that be Europe.

India herself faces a big challenge of the population (1.5 billion) and hasn't seen the worst of this pandemic yet. Addressing the demands by the US, India said that they wanted themselves prepared if the things go out of hand, citing the population density, which can contain Corona-virus to an extreme level, but also want other countries to do good.

Looking at the choice of words by the US President, experts have said that this single word “Retaliation” might not be good for



the Indo-US friendship in the post-pandemic era.

In the last week of February 2020, Trump visited India and received the grandest reception ever in India of any foreign leader.

India's foreign policy might make a shift after this, but only the hard times tell about the relations we make and the policies that succeeded.