

## Pandemic Panorama

“Hey...have you heard the news of China reporting severe pneumonia like cases in clusters?”Somewhere in the mid of January, this was among the few topics of our staffroom chit-chat during the leisure. Gradually, report of an epidemic was bare before the world and to my opinion, with utmost negligence of WHO, it soon turned out to be a pandemic-a rational fear the world is suffering from which has changed every living aspect of mankind.

As many as 213 countries and territories have registered COVID-19 cases and the entire world is buzzing with uncertainty and questions: How long will the pandemic last? What will be life like once the pandemic is over?

Many countries have declared restrictive measures such as lockdown , shelter in place or stay at home orders. So, the pandemic has inflicted a colossal wreck on health, economic, environmental and social issues.

Despite rapid scientific and medical advancements, the pandemic has shown how vulnerable and helpless we humans are. The deadly virus doesn't distinguish between a prince and a pauper, nor does it recognize distinctions between regions and religions. It continues to shake the entire world. These are testing times for humanity.

The COVID-19 pandemic is bringing into sharp focus the distortions in the ecological equilibrium and how the greed of humans, the upper edged intellects of the animal kingdom, has annihilated every entity, be it living or nonliving.

**“You can have some, but not all.**

**Wanting to have it all is a sure recipe for disaster.”**

- Bangambiki Habyarimana

So, better to keep in mind that at the end of the day we are merely biological organisms dependent on other organisms for survival. Human kinds craving to control nature and exploit all its resources for profit can be wiped out in a stroke by an organism even not visible to naked eyes.

Though it's difficult to see a potential silver lining from the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, yet, this reality brings with it the notion that we are all in this together. It is easy to get sucked into the seemingly endless pit of despair that opens in the wake of a global crisis. But do try to pull out through the positives.

Yes, on the bright sides are:

- Nature is healing to a large extent.
- We can realize that the national boundaries are all artificial.
- People serving people- proving humanity is superior to religion.
- Public perception towards police personnel and doctors has improved drastically because of their selfless and tireless service.
- NGOs and organizations trying their way best to feed stray animals and helping economically downtrodden group.

Every other individual involved in service to people are at the flip side shaking the abstraction of humanity compassion and fraternity.

So with flashes of hope, positivity and efforts of our COVID-19 warriors, one fine day we're definitely going to conquer the pandemic. But post Covid, we need to assure that the world will be of human beings, fractions should have no place and humanity must spread to every country, city and to every corner.

Personally there will be no more missing of my classroom interactions with students, colleagues and co-members of my daily journey.

With these rays of hopes, I'm wrapping up my text.....

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