

Death without Dignity: Covid19's message to Human lives?

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The influence of COVID 19 on human beings is Phenomenal. Any new pandemic brings many lessons to be learnt and pandemics of COVID 19 type are mostly human induced. We are overlooking the many facts that are interwoven with the pandemic. In this short commentary one can observe the failure of the state and other associated actors to uphold human dignity which is one of the values of human life and also is an inherent feature of Human Rights Declaration. All the thirty rights are propagated with the basic assumption that human life is associated with dignity compared to other living beings on mother earth. The most dehumanizing activity in hospitals was so powerful and raised eyebrows if the world will ever come out of this degrading activity. To put it in a nutshell the deceased patient's sacred dead body was buried or fumigated without informing the kith and kin and also without performing their individual religious rites. This sad dehumanizing activity has brought divisions in happily living families. The bereavement care was totally absent as no Palliative care was possible to be rendered to the deceased patient due to COVID 19. The family of the deceased could not come out of their tragic zone for months together as Indian families are highly religious and God fearing and ritualistic ones. The question is have we learnt to preserve human dignity in the pandemic to follow through COVID 19?

The answer can be guessed by the people who had been involved in the office of COVID 19. It is better late than never.

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