

## A study of the impact of the Corona Virus Disease-19 pandemic on children with special needs (Divyang).

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**ABSTRACT:-** The Corona virus disease-19 Pandemic has affected the whole world economically, socially, psychologically, educationally and behaviorally. India also is facing all problems during the Corona virus disease-19 pandemic situations. In this pandemic situation everyone has affected but children with special needs ( Divyang) has been affected more than ordinary children because children with special needs already associated with many problems such as Physically, Mentally, Behaviour, Mental illness, Depression, Anxiety, Emotional, Mood disorder, Stress etc. Because of which they have face the many difficulties in activity of daily living. They have less of understanding that how maintain the social distancing, how to use face mask, how share the symptoms of Corona virus disease-19 and other etiquettes are required to save life. The parents of children with special needs also face the difficulty to deal with them and are unable to implement prevention of Corona virus disease-19. Therefore Divyang children have been more affected than normal children because normal children can protect their self and normal children can easily understand the transformation. Thus present paper will give the knowledge and awareness about Corona virus disease-19 pandemic, effects of Corona virus disease-19 children with special needs, prevention of Corona virus disease-19 symptom of Corona virus disease-19 pandemic and this study is help for professionals, special educators, parents, communities etc.

**Key Words-** Corona virus disease-19, Pandemic, Children with special needs, and Symptoms of Corona virus disease-19 and Preventions.

### I. INTRODUCTION:-

The world has been effected by many type of disease in the past such as swain flu, Ebola virus, Marburg Virus, Sars Virus and Jika virus but Corona virus disease-19 has effected more than from others virus. Corona virus disease-19 first time identified in December 2019 as a severe case

of pneumonia Corona virus disease 2019 first appeared for the first time at a place called **Wuhan** which is in the country of **China**. Which is named COVID-19 - an expanded form of covid-19 as follows, 'CO' stands for corona, 'VI' stands for virus, and 'D' stands for disease like other country India also has been affected from corona virus and According to 13 September 2021 current cases in India is 33264175. Corona virus disease-19 is transmission virus which can spread in many ways such as Coughing and sneezing without covering the mouth, touching or shaking hands with a person who has the virus can pass the virus between individuals, Making contact with a surface or object that has the virus and then touching the nose, eyes, or mouth and by crowd are etc, this way Government of India has used the lockdown period for braking the chain of corona virus. Normal Children understand the importance of lockdown period and Instruction of prevention issued by Government in many ways but children with special needs is not able to understand these valuable instructions because mental process are not functioning normally. The Children with special needs already associated with many conditions such as **Physically, Mentally, Behaviour, Mental illness, Depression, Anxiety, Emotional, Mood disorder, Stress** etc. So children with special needs have been affected more than normal children/people.

**Children with Special Needs:** Children with special needs are people who need special help or care, for example because they have a disability and Children with special needs is different from the average child in some aspect. A special child is one who may have problems or special talent in Thinking, Hearing, Speaking, Reading, Socializing, Learning, Moving, Problem Solving etc. A special child has a combination of special abilities and disabilities. These children are generally called exceptional children or children with special needs. According to Right to Persons

with Disability Act 2016 there is various type of disability who needs special care.

#### Different type of Disability-

1. Intellectual Disability.
2. Blindness.
3. Loco motor Disability.
4. Learning Disability.
5. Autism Spectrum Disorder.
6. Speech & Language Disability.
7. Mental illness.
8. Dwarfism.
9. Hemophilia.
10. Parkinson Disease.
11. Leprosy Cured person.
12. Multiple Disabilities.
13. Orthopedic Disability.
14. Acid attack Victims.
15. Hearing Impairment.
16. Low Vision.
17. Cerebral Palsy.
18. Thalassemia.
19. Sickle cell disease
20. Muscular Disability.
21. Chronic Neurological conditions.

#### Symptoms of Corona virus disease-19

There are many types of symptom of Corona virus disease-19 which we can see in children with disability or without disability which is a harmful for every child such as fever, cold, loose motion or diarrhea, dry Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing, Low oxygen levels, Pain in muscles or joints of the body, Headache, High and low body temperature, High blood pressure level, Loss of taste or smell (sense organ), Congestion or runny nose, itchy of eyes, fatigue, chest pain etc. These symptoms of Corona virus disease-19 have affected the children life directly or indirectly way.

**Effect of Corona virus disease-19:-**Due to corona virus everyone has been affected in the same way like as others. We can see the effect of Corona virus disease-19 on life of children with special needs such as-

1. **Activities of Daily Living like a wakeup, sleeping, eating, bathing, brushing, toileting etc.**
2. School closed due to CORONA VIRUS DISEASE-19 it had affected learning of every child but it has more effected the children with special needs in education because they are unable to attend the online classes/education platform such Google meet, ZOOM, Skype, whatsapp etc. on

other hand Children with special needs has easily forgotten the aspect of education because there was no repetition and revision.

3. In the lockdown period behavioral problems increased in the children like Irritability, crying, Angry, sadness, emotional flatness, disruptive taking, self injury etc.

4. In March, 2020, lockdown period was started in India to curb the transmission of CORONA VIRUS DISEASE-19. Every Child have been bounded at home for longer time that sway Psychological effect has been increased in children such as anxiety, panic, feeling of hopelessness, depression, tension, obsessive behaviors, stress etc.

5. Children with special needs child could not participate in social activities there for socialization of child affected. This effect of Covid can be minimize by adopting different techniques and observing instruction as under

#### PREVENTION OF CORONA VIRUS DISEASE-19:-

We can Protect self and children with special needs around us by knowing the facts and taking appropriate precautions which given by government of India and Doctors.

- Stay at least one meter away from people and even further when indoors.
- Wash the hand regularly and use the alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid places that are crowded.
- Stay at home and call to health worker if you are unwell.
- Wear a mask in public places like bus stands, railway stations, airports, educational institutions, especially indoors or when physical distancing is not possible. Masks should be compulsorily used at such times.
- When you cough or sneeze, cover your nose and mouth with a clean cloth. So that your sneeze and cough do not become harmful for others.
- Think positive.
- Do not have close contact with a sick person who is suffering from Corona virus, maintain an ideal distance of 2 yards.

#### II. CONCLUSION:-

COVID 19 is an infectious disease caused by infection with the severe acute respiratory syndrome corona virus 2 (SARS CoV-2) viruses. Individuals with the virus most commonly experience mild to severe respiratory illness. If a person is suffering from corona virus infection then that person may die. During the corona pandemic,



many such cases came to the fore in which people died because the severity of their disease was very high. To avoid corona virus disease, everyone has to take care of some precautions like ideal distance of 2 yards from the infected person, wearing mask in public places, never touching your nose and eyes without washing hands, do yoga every day. Avoid going to crowded areas. Covid-19 pandemic is very impactful because it has affected all aspects of life like social, economic, political, religious, and cultural so it is our moral duty to save every child, person and future human resource from corona virus and all Get informed about the epidemic. Because the more information about corona virus, the less the risk of spreading corona virus.

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