

HOW COVID-19 AFFECTING THE LIFE OF WOMEN

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ABSTRACT: -

Corona this one word & quickly an image appears “empty streets, people with mask, life on sanitizers”, it looks like we are war prisoners. Because of Covid-19, the whole country came into a kind of panic. People are leaving city and moving towards the village. Some of the laborers living on daily wages are as if they were unemployed. Many Lorries, small shops, selling goods on cart are closed. Some people had to lose their lives. Some are jobless, some can't open their sources of livelihood & some engage in work from home. Schools, colleges, park, social gathering places are closed. It looks like everyone has been imprisoned by corona virus. Many workers, beggars, unemployed people became victims of starvation. It also affected the life of middle-class group. As per report around 8% household of the country earn between 30,000 to 60,000 per month, due to lockdown a number of those belonging to the middle-class group have either lost their jobs or gets only 50% of their salary. People are obsessed both economically & socially. People are going through a very bad time but in the meanwhile, we forgot to know how this period has affected the lifestyle of women.

KEY WORDS: -War prisoners, starvation imprisoned, corona.

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INTRODUCTION

“Women overcome everything that was destroying her.” Women fall from many types of responsibilities whether it is outside or at home. Across every sphere from health to economic, social security protection, the impact of covid-19 captures the lives of many women, 70% women are in health care sector which exposing them to a great risk of infection. At the same time, the burden of all household work is also on the shoulder of women, performing 24*7 days unpaid services. Many working women are facing high risk of job, income loss, and day by day increasing risk of violence physical as well as mental. From medical perspective covid-19 seems to hit man harder than women but condition of women become severe. Early marriage, study drop out, pregnancy etc. are circumstances seem to increase.

“women are great warriors but unknown warriors.” Though covid-19 affected the lifestyle of women but as we know women can always find out something positive from any circumstances. She is trying to learn everything when it is cooking, caring & nursing family members, online work teaching, online transaction or payment, waste out of the best & so on. Many women become very health conscious now a day's along with household chores violence, mental & physical pressure, office work or any live hood sources also handling very carefully. Many women entrepreneur started online business activities all over the world such women are Jessica Perez (co –founder of GRTR), Crystal evaleoche (founder of kilt to a digital health company), Suman Singh(Jaipur), Stitches & distributes free of cost mask. Many educational institutes where 75% teachers are female, shown their best qualities in covid-19 pandemic.

❖ Conceptual framework: -

- 1) War prisoners: -is a non-combatant when has been captured by the forces of the enemy during an armed conflict.
- 2) Starvation: - Death caused by lack of food.
- 3) Imprisoned: - Kept in prison.
- 4) Corona :- virus with crowns like shape

❖ Problems of the study: -

Covid-19 pandemic affected entire world very badly. Each & every affected economically, socially & so on. The study undertaken is to find how covid-19 impact on women lifestyle & how they are trying to overcome out of it.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

- It is based on primary data. Primary data is collected from all nearby female.
- A structures question will be used to collect data. The target audiences are 110 respondents which will be basically friends, colleagues & known females.
- Secondary data will be collected from various national & international case study & research journals related to impact of covid-19 on women.
- Statistical tools used will be like percentage, analysis, graphs etc. elementary statistical tools are used & graphical presentation for better understanding.

SIGNIFICANCE OF STUDY

- It is significant to all women whether she is housewife and working.
- It is significant for child & women development cells so they can make policies for women livelihood sources.
- It is significant for those women also who have lost their hope in the crises period.

LIMITATION

- Its study covers only women.
- It is confined to Mumbai region only.
- It covers only limited sample for study.

LITREATURE REVIEW

- 1) IGC (International Growth Centre) Article: - It concludes that due to covid-19 epidemic, mental & physical pressure on women is increasing. At the same time the pressure of household work on them also increase to some extent. But one of its positive result also happened on their lives. In urban areas women who grow farming, their demands can hike for short period due to laborers shortage. Many ladies who are working as maid or depends on daily wages their demand may be started to rise.
- 2) Ritwika Patgire research scholar (SAU): - It concludes that due to covid-19 pandemic handloom industry in Assam is facing crises. Unsurprisingly many weavers are women, previously women were weaving for their personal use but now it become source of their

livelihood even though women get less free time from their household work . women of Assam made weaving as part of their life and earning some amount of money which they can use for their personal needs. So it shows how positively women are trying to overcome from such severe crisis's circumstances.

- 3) UN report: - It concludes that covid-19 pandemic ruined economic & productive lives of women in drastic way. Many girls especially from vulnerable background may force to leave their education in middle, maternal health case & gender-based violence related services cases also affected the lifestyle of many women. Due to closure of educational institution online teaching pressure on female teachers is also one of the causes which put them into severe condition. Many of them are not having enough tools to teach & lack of family support , affecting their job securities.
- 4) (ASHA) Accredited social health activities: - It concludes that women who work in Anganwadi get responsibilities to check upon family in their areas to find out covid-19 symptoms patients with precautionary measures. In municipal corporation ladies use many protective measures such as mask, gloves, plastic shield mask etc. to protect themselves while sweeping roads, lane etc. So study revealed that just as a woman is capable of handling the household work, she also knows how to keep the country safe during pandemic time.

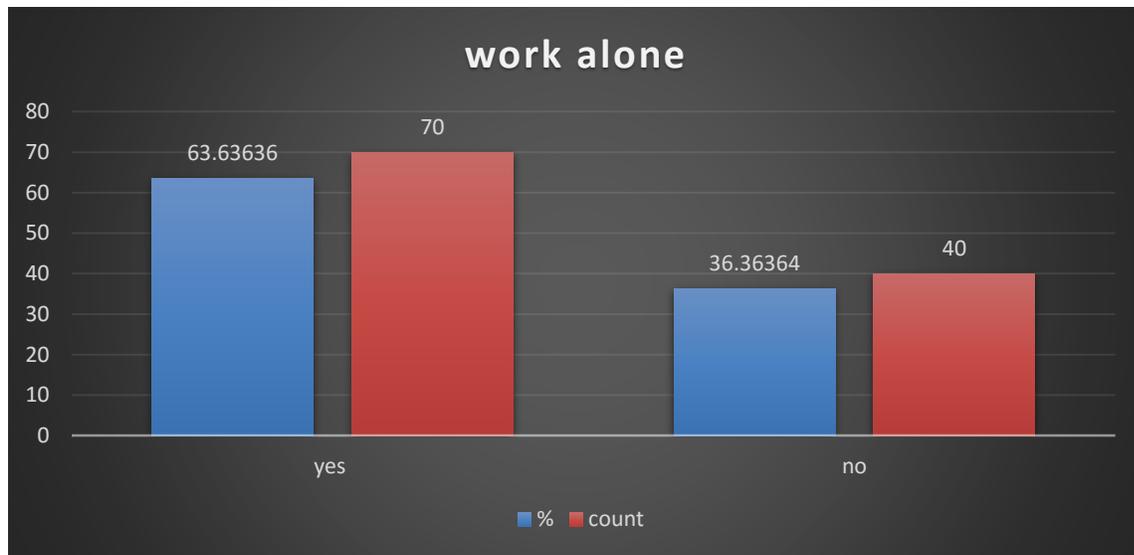
OBJECTIVE OF RESEARCH

- 1) To study the domestic violence faced by women during lockdown.
- 2) To examine the role played by women in household work.
- 3) To study the positive change made by women in herself like online transaction, online business etc.

Annexure

Q.1) Do you do all housework work alone?

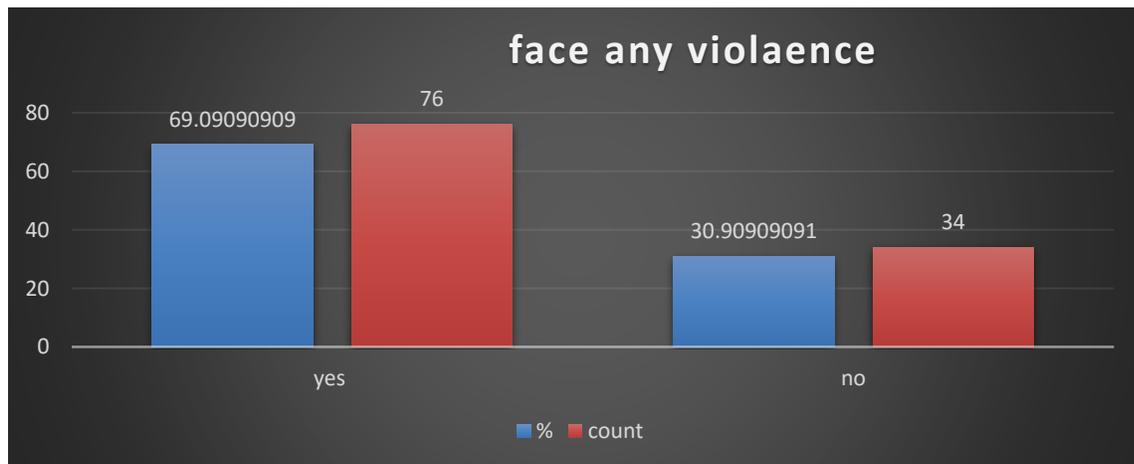
choice	%	count
yes	63.63636	70
No	36.36364	40



Majority of women do all household work alone.

Q.2) Face any violence in crisis period of covid-19?

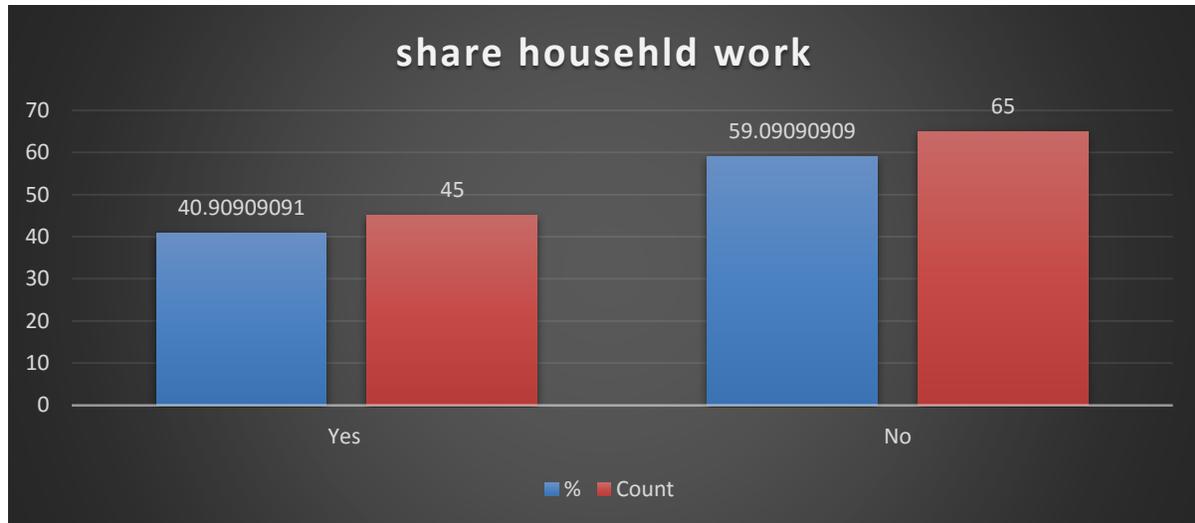
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yes	69.09091	76
no	30.90909	34



In male dominant society majority of women still face various form of violence whether it is mental or physical.

Q.3) Family members share your household work?

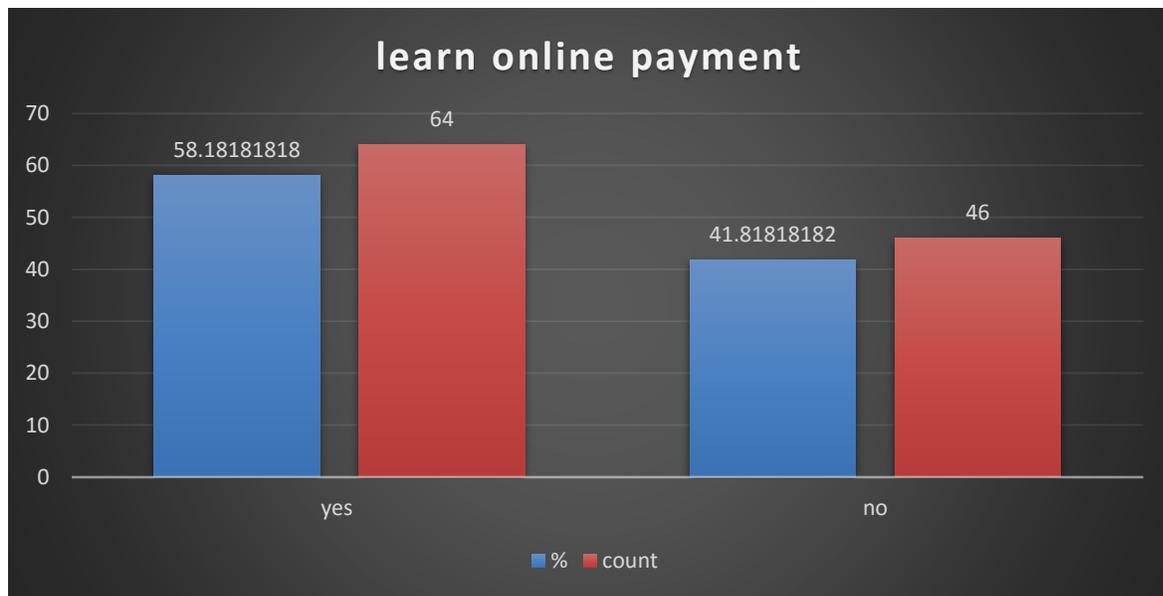
choice	%	count
yes	40.90909	45
no	59.09091	65



45% women only get help while doing household work.

Q.4) Learn online payment?

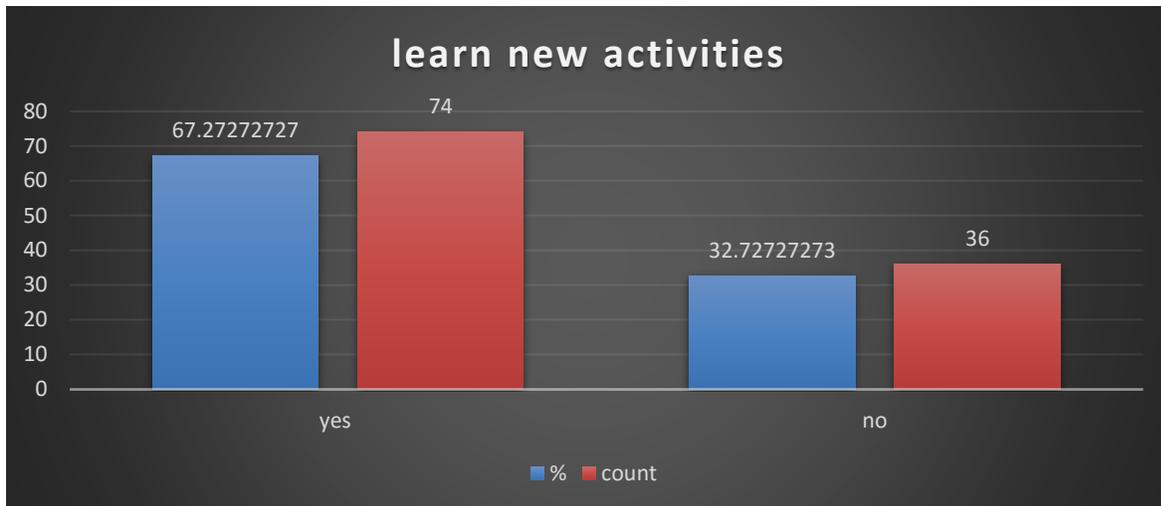
choice	%	count
yes	58.18182	64
No	41.81818	46



Majority of women update themselves in online payment system.

Q.5) Learn any new activities beside household work?

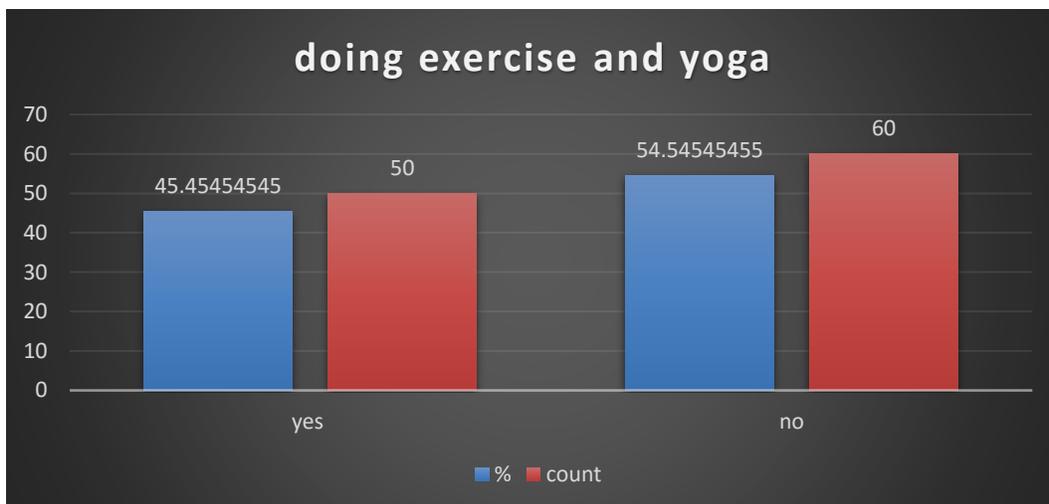
choice	%	count
yes	67.27273	74
no	32.72727	36



Majority of women involved themselves into new activities beside household chores.

Q.6) Follow exercise & yoga in your day to day routine?

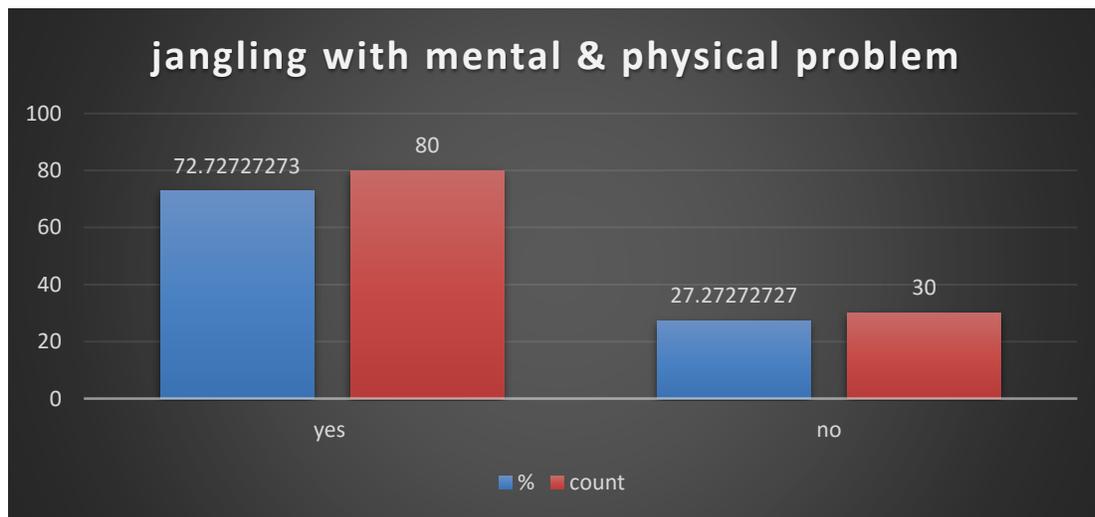
choice	%	count
yes	45.45455	50
no	54.54545	60



Still half percentage of women are able to follow exercise & yoga in their day to day routine.

Q.7) Jungling with mental & physical problem in crisis period?

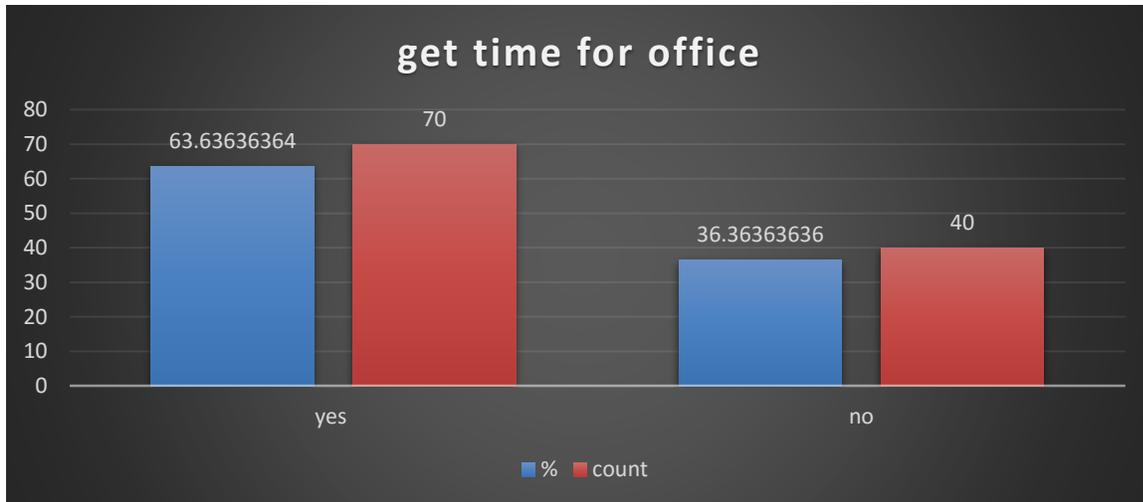
choice	%	count
yes	72.72727	80
no	27.27273	30



Due to crisis circumstances majority of women are jungling with mental & physical pressure.

Q.8) Get time for office besides household work?

choice	%	count
yes	63.63636	70
no	36.36364	40



Majority of women are able to find time for their office duties.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion drawn from the study are as follows, women & girls are these important parts of society who suffer most during any crisis emergencies even though women are caring & nursing all family, members along with household work, but men will be consider main pillar of the house as well as society. Covid-19 pandemic may be spoiling many dreams of girls and women, they can force to get early marriage, their study can stop in middle, unwanted pregnancy mental & physical pressure but as we know women are always consider as goddess& their patience level is also greater than other creatures of universe. She can come out from any crisis's circumstances. Many ladies are trying to follow entrepreneurship like started Tiffin services, mask making homemade sanitizers, online teaching, online product selling etc. many ladies are upgrading themselves, though the pandemic covid-19 affected entire world severely. So, our main aim is to prevention of transmission of covid-19 & reduce negative impact on society especially most vulnerable group such as children, women & girls, old-people etc. Government should announce policies which can open the door of income for women so they can become more self-reliance.

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