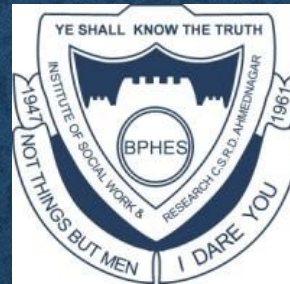


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Research Topic: A Study on Perception of Tribal Population towards
Corona Vaccination at Jawhar, Taluka Jawhar, District Palghar.

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OBJECTIVES

- To understand the reason for non-acceptance of Corona vaccine from Tribal population.
- To understand whether the tribal population has any fear in their mind related to Corona Vaccination.
- To learn whether they prefer indigenous medicines to maintain their health and prevent from getting Corona.
- To understand the impact of Social Media like WhatsApp on Tribal population.
- To understand whether they made any changes in their food habits during pandemic crisis to protect them from Corona infection.
- To understand what are their misconceptions and misunderstanding related to Corona Vaccine.

METHODOLOGY

- A descriptive study was conducted to assess the perceptions of Tribal Population towards Corona Vaccine. It assessed the impact on tribal's at Jawhar Taluka. The findings drawn are based on the analysis of data from an independent primary survey conducted by investigator from few villages in Jawhar . An attempt was made to select the sample from people belonging to different age groups. The survey was supplemented with information gathered through observation, focus group discussions and unstructured interviews.
- The unique aspect of this study is the comprehensive nature of the analysis which ranged from health and level of fear, anxiety, stigma and discrimination among tribal population.
- The findings of this study will contribute to effective and evidence-based planning to combat the adverse impact. This study is especially well timed because its findings can enrich the life post corona vaccination.

SAMPLING METHOD USED

- To collect the data Convenient Sampling Method was preferred since people were not coming forward to give their information.
- Data was primarily collected from 5 respondents by means of structured interview schedule, Focus Group Discussions and unstructured interviews with key resource persons conducted to augment the primary data collection.

POPULATION COVERAGE

- Considering the villages where there was zero vaccination drive the investigator focused on 4 villages.
- Pathardi, Dongarpada, Ramkhind and Solepada villages.
- Total Population of these villages is 2,892 where there are 565 houses.

QUESTIONNAIRE DEVELOPED

- Based on the objectives of research, investigator developed questions.
- This questions were developed based on the observation in the villages and feedback received from Government officials.

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

- The data was collected through convenient sampling method by doing Interview Schedule.
- Those who were willing to provide the information data was collected from them.
- Data was primarily collected from 5 respondents by means of structured interview schedule, Focus Group Discussions and unstructured interviews to augment the primary data collection.

ANALYSING DATA

- The data received from the respondents was processed using qualitative analysis method.
- The reason to use qualitative approach was to understand the social reality of individuals, groups and tradition as closely as possible.
- This study was conducted in a natural setting.

CONCLUSION

1. Majority of the respondents said that their main occupation is farming.
2. All the respondents stayed in a joint family.
3. Majority of the respondents had educated only up to tenth standard.
4. All the respondents have heard about corona virus through NEWS.
5. All the respondents stay in a joint family.
6. Few of the respondents think that corona can be spread when they will go to city or in a crowded place.
7. All the respondents said they did not get affected by corona.
8. The respondents had fear in their mind regarding corona vaccine. They thought by taking the vaccine they will get infected by corona or the side effects post vaccination is not good.
9. All the respondents believed in Indigenous medicines to prevent from getting corona.
10. All the respondents said to take vaccine, corona vaccination is not available.
11. When asked about quarantine if anyone is affected with corona, majority of the respondents said they will prefer Home Quarantine.
12. Majority of the respondents made changes in their diet when corona cases were increasing to protect them from corona.
13. Majority of the respondents said they used to take steam, hot water or kadha to protect them from getting infected by corona.
14. Majority of the respondents had not taken corona vaccination due to its non-availability.
15. After intervention with the respondents they were ready to take corona vaccine.

SUGGESTIONS

- People should follow all the precautionary measures so prevalence of corona virus can be reduce.
- Extra attention should be given to the children as they are the most affected during the pandemic and lockdown.
- For maintaining mental peace and health people can try new things or engage themselves in learning activities.
- People should avoid going out without necessity and if it is important to go out then people should follow the rules, should take care by wearing masks, maintaining safe distance and frequent washing of hands.