COVID 19 and Racism Against North-Eastern Women of India*

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ABSTRACT

The COVID-19 pandemic has been one of the worst enemies to human life, threatening every country in the worst possible way. Along with itself, this virus brought not just loss of human life but also many forms of inequalities and discriminations, specifically towards the fellow Asians, keeping in hand as China is the birthplace of it. And in our country India, this discrimination flooded over the northeastern people or the mongoloid featured citizen. With the rise of COVID the case of racism was also increasing at an alarming rate. The northeastern were not just fighting against this deadly virus only but also with the deep-rooted unaddressed racism in India. It was a fight, to be recognized and dignified in one's own country.

This article deals with some of the racial incidences that happened after the outbreak of covid 19 in India and how it affects northeast women living outside their home towns, based on primary data collection via an online survey and verbal interactions with students around the campus of Delhi University as well as secondary collection of data through different social media websites published online. This article explores from the bottom-up approach the root factors contributing to the crime of racism in India (social conditioning, media, and education nurturing) and concludes with an insight into laws in India against racism.

KEYWORDS: North-east Indian, Equal, Dignified, Racism, Women, Survey, Community Hibernation, Social Conditioning, Media, Conscious Building, Legal Execution.

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