

## Skill to Do Research in Covid-19 Crisis

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### ABSTRACT

'Skill to do research in COVID-19 crisis' is a broad topic covering scientific to women's studies arena. Initially, those who did research on vaccines for the Covishield or Covaxin in India and for other ones all over the world deserve sincere gratitude from the bottom of the heart of whole humanity. Other forerunners doing investigation in pandemic condition in all subjects of study are also doing commendable work. The self confidence in them is not a seed grown in the rain of crisis alone. Taking girls of rural atmosphere as a sample, this article analyses the way of empowering all from childhood in their life skills through digital medium, so as to use their inner potential wisely in any crisis. A few positives and negatives in doing research in lock down period are discussed thereafter. Creativity and innovation played crucial roles during this period of uncertainty, whereas several researchers in women's studies field faced some challenges in investigating process. All innovative programs, including Digital India, Swatchh Bharat, Swaraj or Aatmanirbharbharat need motivators researching on its minute implementation strategies to spread it to the grass root levels of the society. General suggestions to support them in crisis are given at the end to be taken into account by policy makers for boosting up self confidence of inquisitive minds in the new normal life.

### Keywords

Research, Life skill, COVID-19, Creativity, Innovation

### INTRODUCTION

"In a gentle way, you can shake the world". Following Gandhiji, only two areas, positives and negatives in investigation process are stressed gently in this paper from the panoramic theme, 'skill to do research in COVID-19 crisis', screening scientific to women's studies arena. Ab initio, those who did research on vaccines all over the world are to be applauded. Then, the precursors investigating in different subjects in COVID-19 period are to be encouraged. Such a self confidence is to be developed in the minds of all, especially rural girls through life skill studies to face all challenges and crisis in life.

### OBJECTIVES

The objective here is to discuss some positives and negatives in doing research in lock down period, through woman's studies angle, underlining the status of empowering in life skills through digital medium from childhood. This will help to use available resources confidently and wisely in any crisis.

### METHOD

Reviewing positives and negatives in doing research in lock down period, study using Sreeskil as a friend with digital paintings on life skill quotes is explained. In this program rural girls were taken as a sample for the intervention in experimental way using five point Likert type scale closed questionnaires to collect data. Suggestions followed to have creative outcomes in research activity during crisis.

## **FINDINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

Research skills of women are beneficial to identify issues hindering their development and to find out viable solutions for those problems, more easily than others. Literature survey and data collection during any crisis go hand in hand with basic life skills like critical thinking, self awareness, interpersonal skills, problem solving, decision making etc. There are both positives and negatives in doing research in lock down period. In this chaos of uncertainty, creativity and innovation played crucial roles in managing stress or expressing emotions in a positive manner. The aim of the paper of Ronald A. Beghetto (2021) was to highlight how times of crisis can lead to creative actions and varied outcomes. Hong Luo and Alberto Galasso (2020) mention that producers reassess options to develop new technologies, as consumers are now willing to pay for safety features, whereas Aleksandra Zielinska (2020) overviews everyday creativity in adolescence. Alison K. Cohen and Johnathan R. Cromwell (2020) discuss about creative problem solving which will be successful in developing creative and innovative responses to COVID-19. In the research on self confidence building during crisis, test value showed significant difference from table value, which proved training as effective among rural girls selected for study from Ernakulam district. Sreeskil was taken as an intimate friend for guiding with digital paintings and her words on life skills were followed by the participants happily. In investigation, researchers in women's studies field faced some challenges in various institutions, which stopped face-to-face human research 'because of the risks involved', says Director of research ethics at American Psychological Association. They have to depend on online forums, video-calling, text based instant messaging, and social media for data collection. Poor net connectivity and less knowledge in using online facilities were road blocks in their path of investigation. Childcare, care work of parents and family members staying inside home during lock down, put double burden on the dual role of women researchers. AbhaThakral, Nitin Rakesh and Abhinav Gupta (2015) point out that amidst emerging incidents of cyber crime, cyber-fraud in 2013 costs the world whooping US\$113 billion and India US\$4 billion. Thus cyber attack is also an issue in online activities in research. Preventing pandemic as well as supporting COVID-19 affected families are other severe problems worldwide.

## **SUGGESTIONS**

All development programs, including Digital India and Swatchh Bharat, need motivators researching on its microscopic execution strategies to spread it to the grass root levels of the social groups. All know, executing camera inspection is helpful to Swatchh Bharat and digital India is a boon to activities in crisis. Suggestions to support such masterminds in crisis are given to boost up self confidence of inquisitive minds in the new normal life.

Rules and guidelines are to be taken based on the literal meaning of words without new interpretations and additions. Empathy should play critical role in decision making by all in periods of uncertainty.

Creative thinking leads to innovation, which helps to cope up with stress during emergency situations. Supporting researchers will prevent anxiety related problems in women scholars who are over-stressed with care work in families in lock down days. Those who show the skill to do research in COVID-19 crisis with confidence may really be encouraged to promote Swaraj or Aatmanirbharbharat.

## CONCLUSION

Unity of thought, speech and action is important in building faith in all endeavours. Flexibility and creative adaptability play vital roles in quality dimensions like user-friendly attitude in emergencies. Thus empowering whole humanity in life skills is essential to live cheerfully from childhood and also to do research even in crisis. At the same time necessary support to those who show skill to do research in COVID-19 crisis period is also a requirement for attaining development goals in a sustainable way. Self confidence as well as co-operation can therefore, build walls against challenging environments to live a happy new normal life.

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