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## Feminism in the post pandemic world

- Helen Lewis has described the Covid-19 pandemic as a disaster for feminism.
- Women and girls are the worst-affected social group across the world and the pandemic is already reversing most of the gains that women have made in the last century.
- However, the idea of feminism is so deeply misconstrued by men and women alike that a critical part of the conversation is missing. Indian feminism and feminist issues as they stand, most often, are not fully inclusive of all women or experiences.
- The problems of underprivileged women become nothing more than just facts and figures on paper. The feminist discourse has become more nuanced and we have moved on to talking about issues such as socialization, subtle messages of discrimination, glass ceilings, etc.
- If we are not advocating for the women whose realities do not look or feel like our own, then we are unequivocally a part of the problem. As feminists, we are all about upsetting the status quo, so we should pay attention to anything that makes doing so more difficult.
- The Covid-19 pandemic is exposing and exploiting inequalities of all kinds, including gender inequality.
- Hunger, unemployment, and inequalities are on the rise.
- While all vulnerable populations will suffer, a gender lens is warranted as women, in particular, are ranked lowest in the hierarchy of caste, class, or religious stratification in the long term, and its impact on women's health, rights, and freedom could harm us all.
- In India, various States are considering or are implementing an increase in daily working hours from eight to twelve hours and some have proposed dilution and removal of labour laws which may implicate key provisions around maternity and welfare.
- While a few of them have had the fortune of working with organizations that can sustain their operations with 'work from home' policies, not everyone has had the same luck.

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- The International Labour Organization estimates that nearly 200 million jobs will be lost in the next three months alone.
- Women make up a significant part of the part-time and informal workforce around the world, and these are the first to get cut when companies need to downsize the labour.
- As women are losing their paid employment, they face a huge increase in care work due to school closures, overwhelmed health systems, etc. This will further delay their return to the paid labour force.
- Currently, India ranks 112 out of 153 countries in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index 2020.
- Given India's track record on gender justice, the disproportionate impact wasn't entirely out of the blue.
- Gender inequality in labour force participation, wages, the burden of household work, and sharing of resources could be substantially altered due to the crisis.
- We know that women are more deprived along certain dimensions even in the non-poor households. They are disproportionately represented even in poorly paid jobs without benefits, as domestic workers, casual labourers, street vendors, etc.
- Economic constraints may force poorer households in the margin to make tough choices that seem efficient but are also culturally sanctioned under a patriarchal set-up.
- As incomes shrink, males may be prioritized for availing limited resources instead of females. This could have implications for food security, health, and education of females. Indian women are already more likely to be malnourished than men, and about 53 per cent of them are anaemic.
- Such choices could deepen health inequities even further. If young women do not get enough to eat, in addition to being underweight, it could disadvantage an entire future generation of children.
- Girls may be forced to drop out of school earlier than boys due to education-related expenses or tend household responsibilities; or they may be married off at a younger age, with implications to their health.
- During the Ebola crisis, a large number of girls dropped out of school due to an increase in caring, domestic responsibilities as well as a shift towards income generation.

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- In most cases, boys were prioritized over girls to attend school. Owing to similar socio-economic settings, where the burden of unpaid domestic and care economy is largely carried by females, India may face identical consequences in the foreseeable future.
- Economic empowerment for women is the linchpin of gender equality; erosion of income generation activities for women can have negative implications on their health- seeking ability, decision making within the household, control over finances as well as their ability to protect themselves from violence.
- Women are already suffering the deadly impact of lockdowns. These essential restrictions increase the risk of violence towards women trapped with abusive partners. Recent weeks have seen a global surge in domestic violence. The support services for women at risk also face cuts and closures.
- These negative impacts on women led to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to appeal for peace in homes around the world. Since then, over 143 Governments have committed to supporting women and girls at risk of violence during the pandemic.
- However, policymakers and society must respond to the specifics of this new gender burden and work together to create a framework that would protect, enable, and empower women in this world dramatically altered by the pandemic. This movement towards gender parity should be more inclusive and one strata's problem should worry us all.
- Now is the time to increase advocating State support for welfare schemes and safety net measures like economic security for small business owners, financial stimulus paid directly to families to relieve widespread economic stress.
- Specifically, for women, MGNREGA spending should be substantially increased as we know women participate in it in higher numbers than men, and wage inequality between men and women's wages in MGNREGA is far lower than in other jobs.
- It is crucial that our policymakers adopt a gender perspective to understanding and analyzing the effects of the coronavirus outbreak and the lockdown on the economy, livelihoods, and social structures. The first step to that end would be evolving a gender appropriate response that leaves no one behind.

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## Tremor lessons

- Wednesday's earthquake reportedly the biggest to have hit the North-east since the great earthquake of 1950 ought to be a wake-up for our authorities to come up with an emergency response mechanism.
- A fear psychosis has apparently hit the people, especially the city-dwellers many of who live in high-rises, about an impending major quake, with the series of aftershocks being the ground on which this popular notion rests.
- Scientists, however, believe that it is next to impossible to predict with accuracy any impending tremor and the best way to deal with such destructive natural forces is to stay prepared so that their damaging effects can be reduced.
- Even a layman would agree that Assam is abysmally under-prepared to deal with a disaster like earthquake whereas the region's location on the volatile seismic Zone V makes it highly imperative to have an effective disaster management mechanism. The unplanned growth of the capital city of Guwahati is to aggravate not just the impact of an earthquake but will also cripple rescue and restoration exercises.
- With multi-storey structures sprouting in every and corner in gross violation of norms, a severe earthquake could trigger a series of catastrophic effects. Our past experiences with disasters make it clear that lack of an effective pre- and post-disaster management mechanism invariably accounts for much of the casualties and loss of property and infrastructure.
- A holistic strategy is required to be adopted by the authorities so that we are not caught on the wrong foot by a calamitous quake. The existing safety mechanism in all the buildings, especially hospitals, malls, cinema halls, market complexes and multi-storey apartments need to be reviewed.

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- Strict steps must be taken to ensure preservation of spaces as well as creation of new ones. Open spaces will be the immediate and single-most crucial requirement in the event of a devastating tremor hitting us.
- The growing risk factor that has emerged due to the rapid and often haphazard urbanization process implies that disaster management be recognized as a crucial area of administration.
- This, however, remains conspicuous by its absence in the city even as it poses a serious risk with its unplanned high-rises, narrow lanes and alleys, and denuded hills.
- Unplanned urbanization must be checked forthwith, and structural and architectural designs of all RCC constructions and their disaster-vulnerability assessment should be accorded top priority, with proper thrust on the adoption of earthquake-resistant technology in construction.
- Man is powerless against violent natural forces such as earthquake, flood and tsunami, and can do little to prevent their occurrence.
- But, with scientific planning, the calamitous impacts can be checked to an extent. Notwithstanding the State Government's of repeated 'commitment' to disaster management, the fact that rules and laws concerning disaster mitigation and environmental protection are being stamped upon with impudence betrays a picture in stark contrast.

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