

Mahamari ki Maar BJP ki Haar

Presenting
**Covid Report Card
2024**



Flashback:

The Beginning of the 8 pm Club



On November 8, 2016, at 8 pm,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a surprise address to the nation, claiming he wanted to “make a special request” to Indian citizens. As of midnight on that day, Mr. Modi said, all INR 500 and INR 1,000 notes would no longer remain valid currency. Instead, Indians would get **fifty days** to deposit the demonetised currency notes into their bank accounts, with the expectation that those holding onto untaxed “black money” in cash would be caught.

Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes made up 86% of all cash in circulation at the time.

Claim:

The government claimed they would remove INR 3-4 lakh crore worth of black money from the system through demonetisation.

Reality:

By the end of June 2017, 98.96% of INR 1,000 and INR 500 notes that were demonetised were returned to the RBI, as per the central bank's data. In February, 2019, then finance minister Piyush Goyal told Parliament that INR 1.3 lakh crore black money has been recovered through all anti-black money measures including demonetisation - far short of the expected INR 3-4 lakh crore. Further, **the lower GDP growth in the two years** preceding 2018 is largely on account of the turbulence created by demonetisation and GST implementation. With people having lower access to cash, their ability to spend even on necessities was severely impacted, with daily wage workers unable to receive their income - usually paid out in cash - affected the most.

Demonetisation was not the first and last time PM Modi made an overnight decision affecting the country; the 8 pm club continued during the pandemic too, leaving citizens of the country to fend for themselves.

The COVID-19 Lockdown

India reported its first COVID-19 case in January 2020, but it was not until March 2020 that the Union and state governments started seeing COVID-19 as a significant health threat. Instead of addressing citizens' concerns, the Prime Minister was busy welcoming Mr. Donald Trump, then US President, on a grand scale while also helping his party unseat the elected government in Madhya Pradesh.



**On March 24,
2020 at 8 PM,
the Prime Minister ordered
a complete lockdown across
the country, affecting
139 crore people, with
just 4 hours' notice.**

"I want 9 minutes of yours on 5 April at 9 pm. Switch off all lights, stand at balcony or gate with a candle, torch or mobile phone's flash light", said PM

"I am in deep pain but I take cow urine every day. So now, I don't have to take any medicine against corona and I don't have corona," said BJP MP Pragya Thakur.

The sudden imposition and use of National Disaster Management Act and the Epidemic Diseases Act, led to criminalisation of those who were stranded away from their home support and forced to venture out due to economic and social hardships, because of the abject failure of the government to account for their needs before announcing such a drastic lockdown.



CLAIM 01

India “Better Off Because Of Right Decisions At Right Time” (PM Modi, July 2020)

While the lockdown inconvenienced the privileged classes by way of restricted mobility, those from vulnerable communities struggled with joblessness, loss of livelihoods, a complete loss of income, etc.

MORE THAN
**1 CRORE
MIGRANT
LABOURERS**

WERE FORCED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME STATES, MOSTLY ON FOOT, BETWEEN MARCH AND JUNE 2020, OFTEN IN DEFIANCE OF LOCKDOWN-RELATED RESTRICTIONS.



- While the lockdown was announced on 24 March 2020, ‘**Shramik Special**’ trains to transport migrants, students, tourists, etc were only launched on 1 May 2020, **without even bare minimum services** like water and food available on these trains.
- Even by the end of 2020, **1.5 crore workers remained out of work**.
- The no-notice lockdown resulted in the **GDP crashing by 23.9%**.



How to Create a Catastrophe



Stage 1: Denial

- Until March 30, 2020, the Health Ministry and the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) were in denial of community transmission of the coronavirus and testing was restricted to symptomatic individuals.
- On the other hand, patients with existing health conditions (comorbidities) struggled to get routine essential treatment such as dialysis and chemotherapy. They were asked to get a negative COVID-19 certificate for hospital admission and treatment. **70% of senior citizens didn't have access to proper healthcare during the pandemic, according to one survey.**
- Later, despite the forum set up by the **Health Ministry (INSACOG)** warning about an impending second wave since March 2021, no one in government paid any attention.



Stage 2: Deliberate ignorance

- “Yes, we are calling it Stage 3 - community transmission of the virus. Officially we may not call it – but it is the beginning of Stage 3,” read a of a task force on COVID-19 hospitals.

The question arises as to why there was not an official declaration?

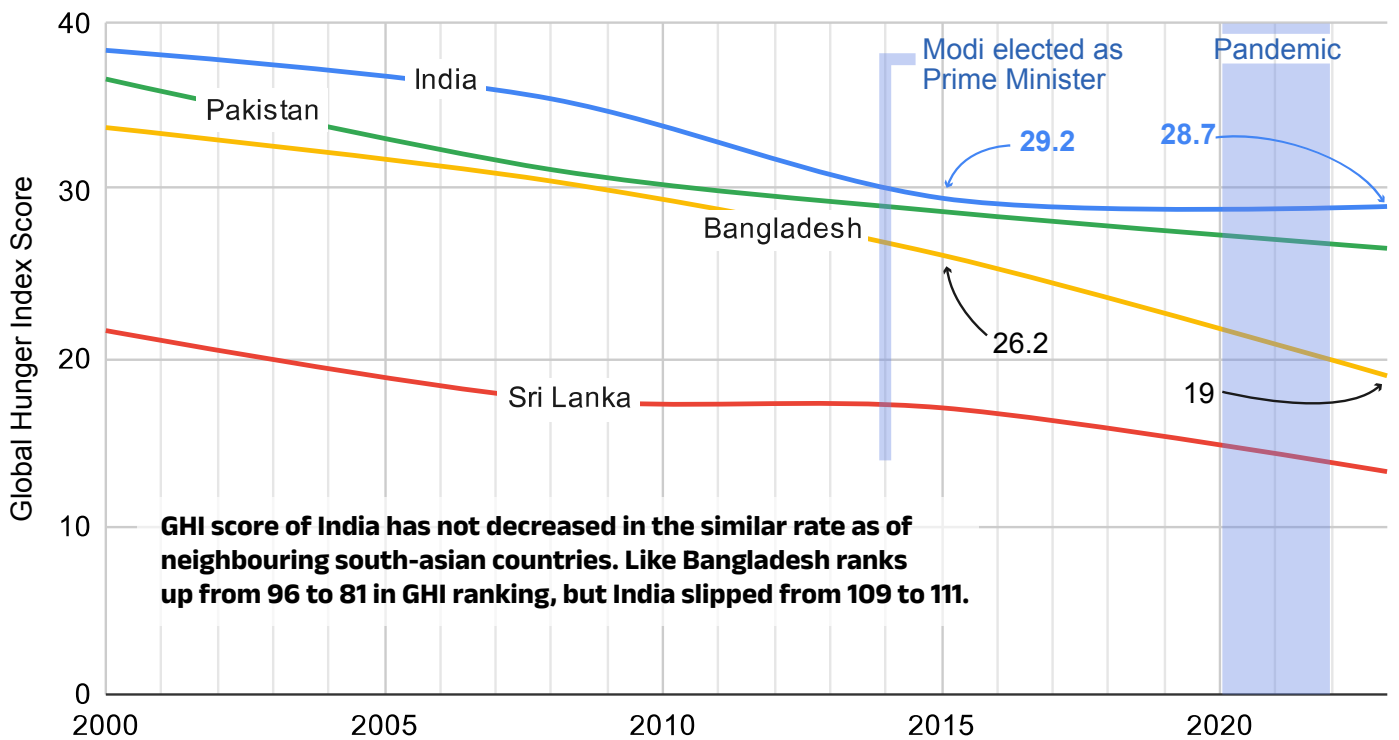
Stage 3: Blame game

- Most negligently, the government only ordered the checking of temperatures for international passengers although the WHO had warned that almost 30% of cases might be asymptomatic.
- **Aapda mein Avsar: A deliberate vilification of Muslims**
Ignoring such warnings and even its guidelines on stigmatising “any area or community”, the NDA government repeatedly blamed the Tablighi Jamaat for violating social distancing norms and super-spreading the outbreak in Delhi, even though the Muslim congregation happened before the lockdown was announced.
- Officials like the then Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Joint Secretary Lav Agarwal, on April 5, 2020, claimed that the virus would have spread much less had an Islamic sect, Tablighi Jamaat, not organised a congregation in Delhi. The with this development without naming India but added the religious categorisation of the cases helped no cause at all.
- The government turned this epidemic into an opportunity for cracking down on peaceful dissenters and common citizens across India - in particular young Muslim students - and jailing them, often under terrorism charges. Through such means, they effectively shut down the protests raging against the legislation of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) in 2019, and the proposed nationwide implementation of the National Register of Citizens. CAA is in force now, with its Rules recently promulgated, but the government has deferred the NRC implementation, thanks to the brave resistance of the activists.



“I want to assure everyone that while the pandemic lasts, we will protect the poor,”

(PM Modi, in Parliament, February 2021)



Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022, a study by the World Bank concluded that nearly **80% of people who slipped into poverty in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic hailed from India.**

Over 12 crore people lost their jobs in April 2020, during the first nationwide lockdown, as per the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).



FROM EVERY 10 PEOPLE WHO BECAME POOR IN 2020, EIGHT ARE FROM INDIA.

EFFECTIVELY, THE RICHEST ONLY GOT RICHER DURING THE PANDEMIC AND AND THE POOR GOT POORER

Indian billionaires increased their wealth by 35% during the lockdown to INR 3 lakh crore.

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The increase in the wealth of the top 100 billionaires since the March 2020 lockdown is

enough to give every one of the 13.8 crore poorest Indian people INR 94,045 each.

The poorest **20% of households lost their entire incomes** in April - May 2020.

India's GDP contracted by **7.3% in 2020-2021.**

India's unemployment rate rose to a massive **27.11% during May 2020, from under 7% in mid-March,** before the start of the pandemic.

Not only did the BJP government adamantly refuse to lend a helping hand to the working people, it went further and used the restrictions on protests to pass several anti-worker, anti-farmer laws.

**INDIA'S
INCOME INEQUALITY
IS NOW WORSE THAN
UNDER BRITISH RULE
-AS PER WORLD INEQUALITY LAB REPORT**

“(India) has saved the world, entire humanity, from a major tragedy by effectively controlling coronavirus”

(PM, at the World Economic Forum, January 28, 2021)

Addressing the World Economic Forum’s Davos Dialogue: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India not only managed to beat the Covid-19 crisis it has also helped over 150 countries in the process, despite predictions for the worst.

DID THEY CONTROL THE PANDEMIC OR THE PEOPLE?

- **Close to 257,000 people** were evicted from their homes in India during the coronavirus pandemic, between March 2020 and July 2021, by government authorities for various projects and removal of encroachments, according to a report released by the Housing and Land Rights Network.
- A scheduled caste (SC) person faced crime **every 10 minutes in India in 2020**, cumulating to a total of 50,291 cases registered in 2020, an increase of 9.4% from the previous year, according to data from the National Crime Records Bureau.
- Migrant workers in India were **sprayed with disinfectant** to fight coronavirus.
- Nearly **55% of Indians feared getting beaten up by the police** during the lockdown, and the police action in that period was “invariably harsher on the already disadvantaged groups such as the poor, Dalits, tribals and Muslims”.



Narratives from our Ground investigation



"During the pandemic, I was harassed repeatedly by the Forest and Police officials. I was beaten up and arrested by the police. They threatened me with fake legal cases if I ever requested compensation again." ~ Devkaliya, Forest-dwelling community from Sonbhadra



"In 2020, during the pandemic, Forest and Police officials destroyed my land and stopped me from farming. They also destroyed my hut." ~ Kunwar, Forest Dwelling community from Sonbhadra



"In July 2021, when we were cultivating paddy, a team of forest officials came and started destroying our field and everything around. They demolished my house and ruined my paddy nursery. I was not given any time to take my belongings and goods from my house. My belongings worth INR 50,000 were destroyed as the officials dismantled my house." ~ Rajkumar, Forest Dwelling community from Chandauli



"When the lockdown was lifted, I restarted vending but was harassed by police and MCD officials and didn't allow me to work. On March 2023, I was thrashed by the police when they saw me vending. I told them that I was observing fast and to show some mercy. They mocked and continued to beat me up. I fractured my leg bones as a result of their thrashing. During Covid-19, I took a loan of Rs 2,50,000 to survive" ~ Imran, Street Vendor from Delhi



"Pandemic has affected my income significantly and financial distress keeps increasing. I am under a debt of INR 10,00,000 and haven't been able to repay it." ~ Heena, Street Vendor from Delhi



CLAIM 04

“There has been 5.33 lakh deaths so far from the COVID-19 pandemic in the country; no death due to oxygen shortage” (February 2022)

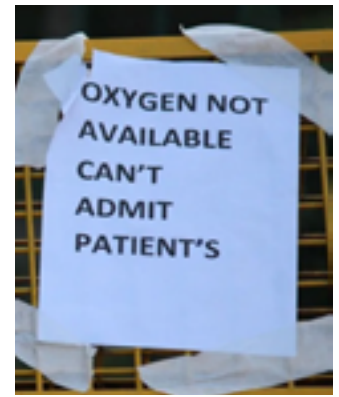
As recently as on April 19 2024, Modi **said** his government had ensured the ‘well-being of all and worked with the Spirit of nation-first’ in a rally at Madhya Pradesh’s Damoh district.

“No deaths due to lack of oxygen in the country and only 5.33 lakh deaths”

WHO says
47 lakh deaths



In reality, going by WHO data, 47 lakh excess deaths were reported from India, which had the highest death toll of the pandemic across the world, between the first and second wave.



**INDIA HAS
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However, according to the Indian government, only 4.8 lakh people died in India – almost exactly a tenth of the WHO estimates.

This was the highest number of deaths any country missed counting. In other words, **the Indian government did not count most COVID-19 deaths deliberately.** Lies and misinformation became a survival strategy.

The government **questioned WHO's methodology to arrive at this estimated number.** However, when the WHO estimates were compared with the Indian government's all-cause mortality deaths recorded by the Civil Registration System (CRS) for the first wave of 2020, they matched almost completely.





Kumbh Mela-2021, Haridwar and BJP rally procession in West Bengal

Meet the super-spreader!

“Discipline is needed to win the battle against corona. With your courage, patience and discipline, the country will leave no stone unturned. Together we’ll change the conditions.” (PM Modi, April 20, 2021)

- Just three days before this statement, **Mr. Modi held a massive political rally** in West Bengal, a state his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) aimed to win in the local elections. “In every direction, all I can see is people! You are wonderful!” (PM Modi, April 17, 2021). That day, **India confirmed 234,692 new coronavirus cases** - over 20 times its **daily tallies** from late January and early February.
- “While the medical fraternity is trying hard to make people understand mandatory COVID norms, **PM Modi did not hesitate to address the big political rallies** tossing all COVID norms in the air,” ~ Indian Medical Association Vice President Dr Dahiya
- The government allowed Kumbh Mela in April 2021 during a severe second wave. Despite rising cases and oxygen shortages, it prioritized appeasing the majority, leading to a **superspreader event that worsened the pandemic.**
- The “current coronavirus situation in the country is going from **bad to worse** with the surge in cases and the trends showing that the virus is still very active”, said V K Paul, Member (Health) at NITI Aayog on 30 March 2021. Despite knowing this, the Indian government went ahead with conducting the **Haridwar Kumbh Mela**, even ignoring warnings about the event becoming a **super-spreader.**



Mass burial of bodies of Covid victims along banks of Ganga River during second wave of Covid-19

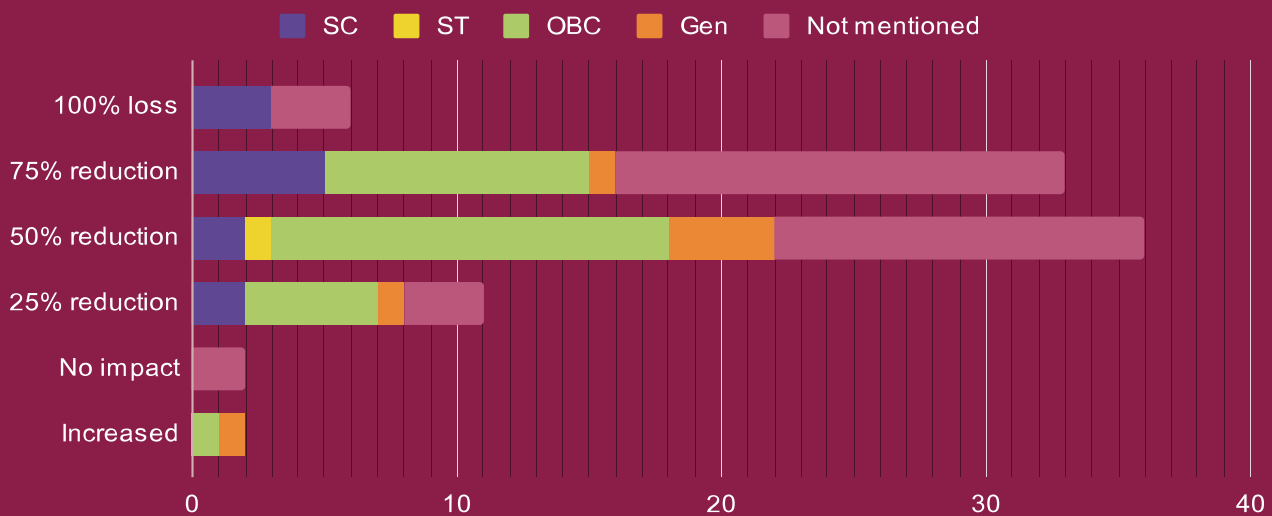
CLAIM 05

“Atmanirbhar Bharat was singularly instrumental in lifting 60 crore people out of poverty”

(Union Home Minister Amit Shah, heaping praise on Narendra Modi, 24 December 2023)

A report on Delhi quoted public hearings which revealed that **86 vendors (95.6%) reported that the pandemic drastically impacted their earnings while 83.34% (75 out of 90 vendors) faced a 50% reduction in their income because of the pandemic. Vendors who belong to the SC category faced a massive 75% reduction.**

> 50% reduction in the income due to pandemic

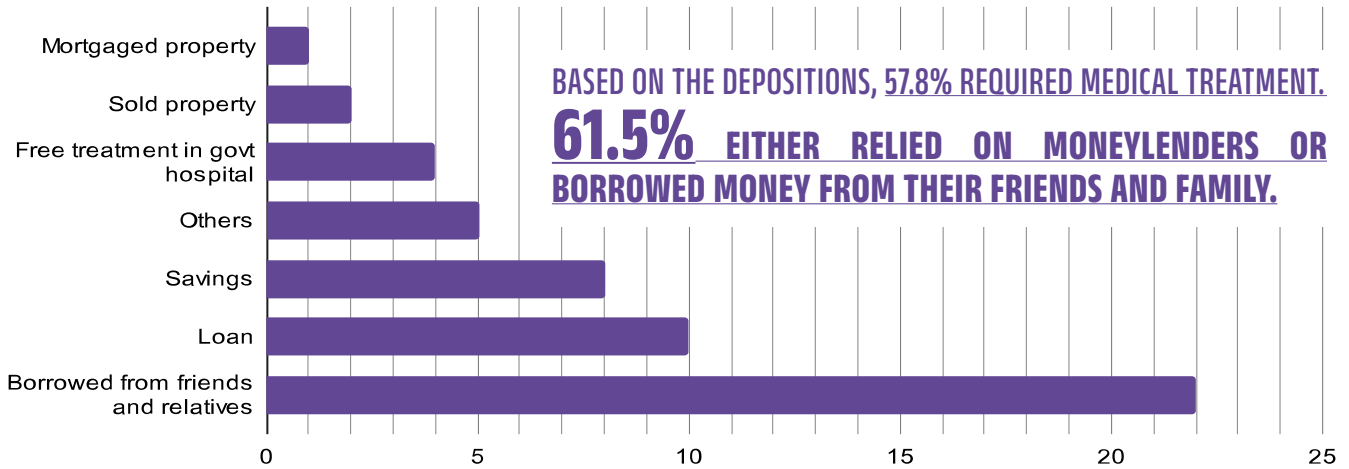


“I had no money and had to take a loan of Rs 4,00,000 to sustain myself during the lockdown. Due to decreased income, I haven’t been able to repay this amount,” said Ram Charan, a vendor from Jwala Nagar, Delhi.

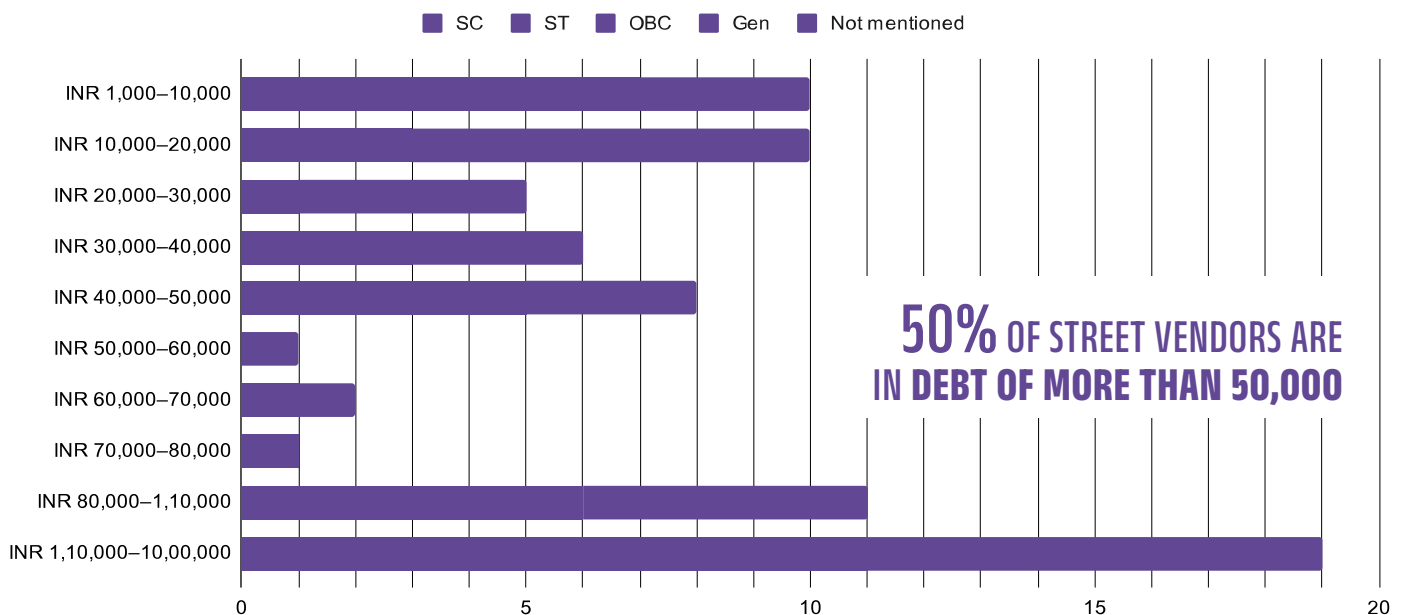
“During the lockdown, my son took a loan of Rs 1,50,000 from moneylenders. Due to the loss of income, he was unable to repay the amount. He faced constant harassment from the moneylenders due to which he fell ill. For his treatment, I had to take another loan of Rs 1,00,000, which also remains unpaid,” said 65-year-old Shanti Devi, a street vendor from Kalkaji

"I used to earn INR 1,000 daily selling vegetables before the pandemic. Now I hardly manage to earn INR 200," said Dhanwanti, a vendor in Jwala Nagar.

Means of financing healthcare cost during pandemic



73 (81%) out of 90 vendors revealed that they have been in debt since the pandemic. Half of the vendors are in a debt of more than Rs 50,000 and 22% are in a debt of INR 1 lakh and more.



Atmanirbhar Bharat?

On 12 May 2020, the forty-ninth day of the nationwide lockdown, the Prime Minister flagged off the **Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan** (self-reliant India campaign) and announced a “special economic and comprehensive package of Rs 20 lakh crore - equivalent to 10% of India’s GDP”.

The PM suggested that the upending of the existing “global order” due to the pandemic had presented India with the “opportunity” to fulfil that responsibility, and the only way to capitalise on it was through an “Atmanirbhar Bharat.” **Mr. Modi spent almost half of his 33-minute speech expounding on his vision of a self-reliant India.**

Among his 395 promises, there were 41 catering to the informal sector. **Among these, 16 were directly linked to policy reforms of dilution of labour codes.** Only 25 promises focused on the kinds of benefits to be provided to the informal sector.

CLAIM 06

PM SVANidhi: A scheme providing collateral-free working capital loans to beneficiaries

Addressing beneficiaries of the PM SVANidhi scheme at an event in New Delhi on March 14, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Union government had been making a concerted effort to uplift street vendors across the country.

Praising the work being done in Delhi by the BJP-led Union government, Mr. Modi said,

“Modi is relentlessly working to improve the lives of the poor and the middle class.”

“My focus is on ‘Welfare of the nation through the welfare of the public’, eliminating corruption and appeasement from the roots, and making India the world’s third-largest economy,”

A section of vendors faced difficulty accessing the loan as they were being sent from one place to another to apply. While a section of vendors did receive the loan, others struggled to get their loans approved. Another section of vendors are still waiting for the disbursement of their loans.

“I applied for the PMSVANidhi loan of Rs 10,000, but have not received the amount,”
a vendor from Jwala Nagar said at the Public Hearing.

The Politics of ‘Beneficiaries’: Who is lying - the Finance Minister, the Housing Minister or the data?

Since the PM announced the PM SVANidhi scheme on 1 June 2020, it took two years for the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to identify 49.48 lakh street vendors, as per their report released in February 2022.

On 5 December 2023, the Ministry stated that the beneficiaries of the scheme totalled 56.58 lakh street vendors, and just two months later, in February 2024, the Finance Minister proudly announced in the interim budget that 78 lakh street vendors have benefited from the scheme.

The question that needs asking here is **where are these numbers sourced from: 30 lakh additional people benefitted from the scheme in a span of two years from 2022 to 2024 when it took the Ministry two years simply to identify the total number of street vendors.** When the numbers do not add up, who is lying then? The Finance Minister, the Housing Minister or the data itself?

CLAIM 07

“India will not just meet its Paris Agreement targets but exceed them and it will not just arrest environmental degradation but reverse it too,”

(PM Modi, in Climate Adaptation Summit, January 2021)

PM Modi “Allowing private sector in commercial coal mining is unlocking resources of a nation with the world’s fourth-largest reserves” (June, 2020)

Under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the government enhanced private investments in the mining sector, in the name of economic revival from covid lockdown-induced crisis. **Online auction of 41 coal blocks was launched to allow private sector investment in commercial coal mining.**

Mining reforms were facilitated in this critical period by amending three laws and notifying the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2021 in a step towards commercial auction of mines, questioning India’s commitment towards climate action.

At a time when there is a worldwide attempt to reduce the reliance on coal as an energy source, the Prime Minister announced that India will invest 20,000 crore to convert 100 MT of coal into gas by 2030 and will spend 50,000 crore to create infrastructure around coal mining, with the aim of become the largest exporter of coal in the world. Many of these coal mines, being opened up for private profit, are in dense forested regions that are rich in biodiversity and Schedule V areas under the Indian Constitution.



Draft EIA notification 2020

On 23rd march, after the “Janta Curfew” imposed by the PM in the nationwide ‘thali bajao’ public call to combat pandemic, the government released the draft EIA notification 2020 in an attempt to dilute existing environmental protections from the law books, at a time when people could not participate in the decision-making process due to lockdown restrictions and their difficult circumstances on account of the pandemic. Due to a widespread campaign by the environmental movements and interventions by the courts, 1.7 million objections were sent to the Ministry of Environment forest and Climate Change over the course of a few months.

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Granting clearances left right centre

On April 7, 2020 in a single day National board of wildlife recommended 31 projects by way of video conferencing adversely impacting dense forests, tiger reserves, wildlife sanctuaries, wildlife corridors, eco-sensitive zones etc. Forest advisory Committee also indiscriminately cleared projects in the same month and granted forest approval to allow the diversion of huge tracts of forest. The Expert Appraisal Committee, intending to grant environmental clearances to 191 projects amid the pandemic crises, spent an average of 10 minutes per project in 15 online meetings. Projects like the flamboyant Central Vista were cleared during the peak at the end of April and the worst period of the migrant worker crisis.

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CLAIM 08

“India’s approach to fighting the pandemic will always remain science-based. We are also augmenting health infrastructure to ensure our fellow citizens get proper care.” (PM Modi, 16 January 2022)

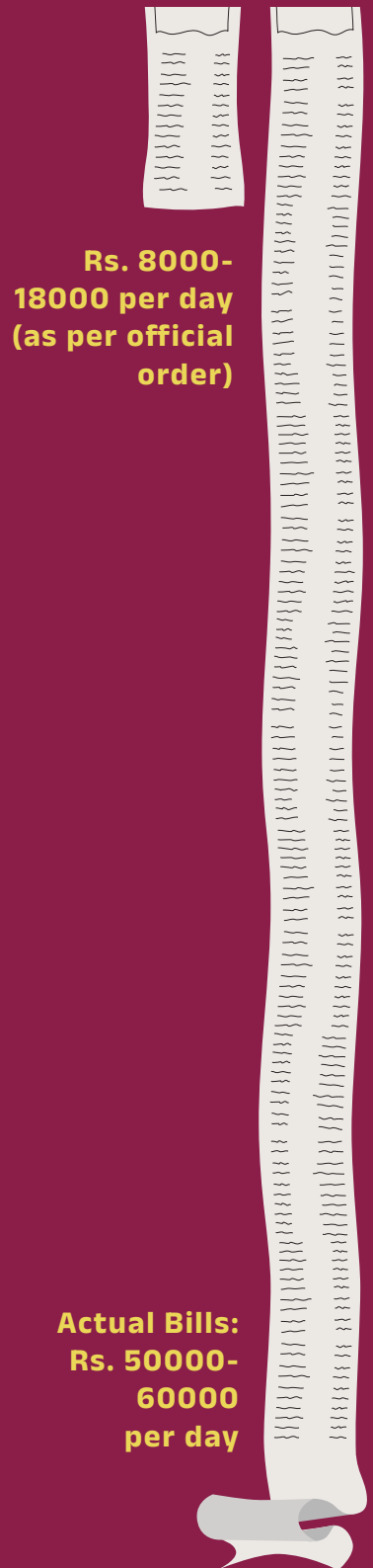
“Many private hospitals in India, especially corporate ones, saw the pandemic as an opportunity to maximise profits, as widely reported in the media. Some COVID-19 patients were reportedly charged **Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1 lakh a day for treatment.**” stated a report from Maharashtra.

“Analysis of per-day expenditures for hospitalisation and medicines for a subset of 77 COVID-19 critical care episodes revealed average **daily medical bills were 400% to 500% higher than what the expenses should have been according to official rates.**”

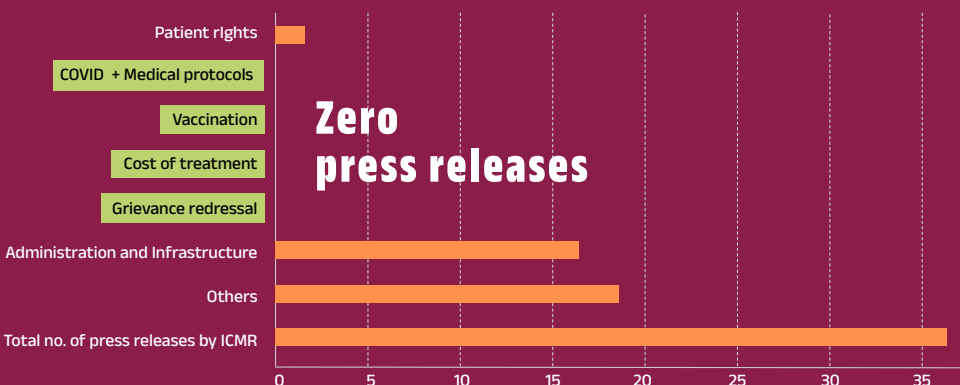
This showed that the regulations did not have the desired impact of keeping medical bills affordable to all”, said another report from the state.

“The cost of medicines too shot up. In Srinagar, Remdesivir was being sold for as much as ₹36,000 against the normal rate of ₹6,000”

“For transporting patients up to a distance of about 10-15 km, **ambulance owners charged as much as ₹30,000 in Mumbai. For going to a hospital just 7 km away, a patient had to spend ₹8,000 in Pune. In Kolkata, patients were charged as much as ₹8,000 for a distance of 5 km, while in Hyderabad, transportation charges ranged between ₹5,000 and ₹10,000 for a distance up to 10 km”**



Break-up of number of press releases by ICMR



**Actual Bills:
Rs. 50000-
60000
per day**

"A majority of the notifications related to COVID-19 issued by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in 2020 and 2021 were related to administration and infrastructure. Of the 38 health-related notifications, 16 were related to administration and infrastructure. One notification was on patient rights. The ICMR did not release any notification related to the cost of treatment, COVID-19 and medical protocol, grievance redress and vaccination".

"All states followed the 'Clinical management protocol for COVID-19' issued by MoHFW and devised by ICMR and other statutory health bodies. **The first version was published on 17 March 2020 and the Central Government kept revising its strategy for COVID-19 management till January 2022.**"

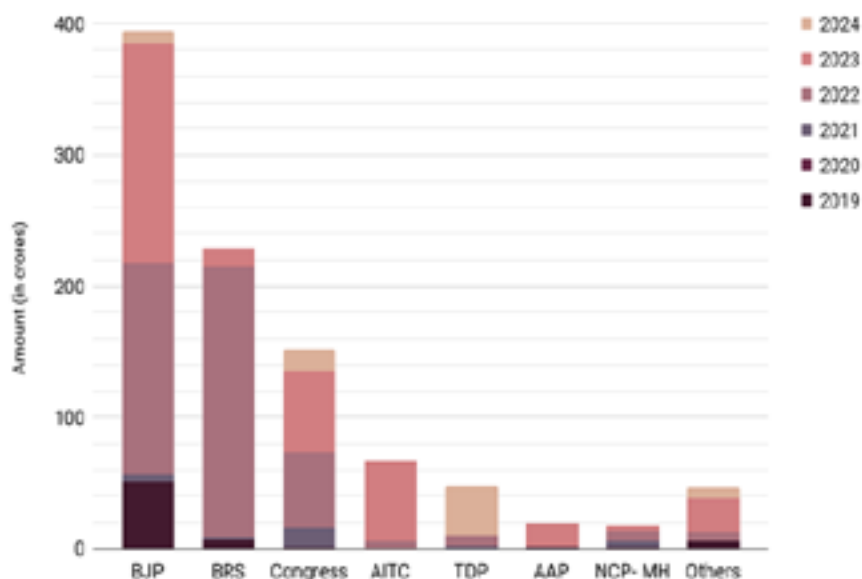
"MoHFW Delhi **released only one notification that can be categorized into medical protocol in 2020.** The notification released on 7 June 2020 gave guidelines to both COVID-19-infected and non-infected patients for accessing healthcare. However, the circular did not mention anything about the treatment plan for COVID-19-positive patients."

"**MoHFW Delhi released three circulars in 2020 and two in 2021 regarding cost of treatment, capping of treatment prices, oxygen, prices for testing kits, etc.**" One must note all the notifications dealt with revision of prices and yet dismissed the affordability of the larger population.

Science-based approach?

"Many hospitals started setting up plasma banks. Not only did drawing plasma from an already treated patient create havoc and exploitation, it was later found that plasma therapy was ineffective and had no role in treating COVID-19 whatsoever. **An advisory was issued by ICMR on 17 November 2020, to address the inappropriate usage of convalescent plasma therapy.** It explicitly stated that plasma therapy was ineffective in treating those with severe COVID-19."

These are just some examples with evidence, the list goes on. Where was the science? Where was the health infrastructure for fellow citizens to get proper care?



Electoral bonds donated to political parties by Pharma companies

Who filled the coffers?

Once the State Bank of India reluctantly shared the data about electoral bonds on the Supreme Court's insistence, it became evident that the party in power at the Union level (i.e., the Bharatiya Janata Party), had seen money poured into its coffers by pharmaceutical companies, even those engaged in the manufacture of vaccines and other essential drugs during the pandemic. The contributors include companies whose medicines did not even pass clinical trials.

While tall claims of a human-centric approach were being painted all across towns and cities, health and pharmaceutical companies bought electoral bonds worth INR 900 crore.



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Pharma Companies Bought Electoral Bonds of Almost Rs 800 Cr. Here's Why That's a Problem

Many pharma companies that bought electoral bonds faced regulatory actions

Truth of
Bharatiya Janata Party



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Searching the [BJP's 2024 Manifesto](#) for COVID-19, we found only 4 results - and only one claim. The other 3 mentions are only a reference to the pandemic era!

CLAIM 09

“Provided COVID assistance, including 30+ crore COVID-19 vaccines and medicines, to 100 countries through Vaccine Maitri”

STATEMENT-1

Statement 1: “Despite global challenges and unprecedented events such as the Covid pandemic, our economic policies have been successful in creating a substantial number of employment opportunities.”

STATEMENT-2

Statement 2: “We have successfully brought Bharat from fragile 5 to top 5 economies despite the global turmoil and once-in-a-century event Covid pandemic.”

Reality

While India outdid many of its peers in vaccine diplomacy and provided vaccines to many poorer countries across the world, the true beneficiary of this deal remains unclear. It is now evident that Adar Poonawala-led Serum Institute of India (SII) contributed INR 52 crore to the ruling party through electoral bonds. Was this a kickback for handing SII the monopoly for locally manufacturing the Oxford-AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine called Covishield?

Why was the monopoly right given to SII, when the UK-manufactured vaccine was offered to India and not to a particular pharmaceutical company?

We also need to ask why no effort was made to break the monopoly on developing a COVID-19 vaccine and decentralise the mechanism for the effective and fast delivery of vaccines. Who made these decisions?

It is to be noted that, **reports state that after 4 years Pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca has admitted for the first time that their Covid vaccine can cause a rare side effects.** The debate on rare side effects has mixed reviews and needs further investigation, however, it is noteworthy that the Covid-19 vaccine Covishield developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University, was produced by the Serum Institute of India and widely utilised in India.

India stands out as one of the countries which despite having rolled out over 30 crore vaccines globally, did not undertake any serious investigations or studies regarding the after-effects following immunisation (AEFI) on either its citizens or the citizens of beneficiary countries.

World's largest Covid-19 vaccination drive: the lesser known

'During Covid-19, I was denied ration as I wasn't vaccinated. Vaccination was made mandatory to get ration'

ACCORDING TO THE HEALTH MINISTRY DATA, INDIA REPORTED

89,231 INSTANCES

OF ADVERSE EVENTS FOLLOWING IMMUNISATION (AEFI)

- 63,315 due to Covishield
- 6,757 due to Covaxin
- 30 due to Sputnik
- 1,148 deaths (921 due to Covishield and 92 due to Covaxin)

'My neighbour passed away after taking the COVID-19 vaccine. We were forced by the officials to get vaccinated. We don't even know what vaccine was given to us', said Pranav from Uttar Pradesh.

This inaction flies in the face of admittedly limited data exposing that **1,148 people in India died after vaccination**. The unwillingness to share data, consistently a quality of this government, seems to be the driving force here too.

Upon filing two separate RTIs, we learned that a total of 27 deaths happened following COVID-19 vaccination

7 cases had an indirect link with COVID-19 vaccination

More lives could have been saved had there been a mechanism to report adverse effects

There is no guarantee that the number of deaths is accurate. Many such deaths could have been missed and underreported

Who became richer in India and whose income increased manifold, taking the economy to new heights, is important in the analysis of India's economic growth. India contributed 39 billionaires to the world tally, just during the pandemic phase. Those at the very top, including Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani, increased their wealth by over 1000% during this time.

SO, WHAT EXACTLY ARE THE GUARANTEES GIVEN BY MR. MODI TO THE CONSISTENTLY BLINDFOLDED VOTER?



- Several Muslim pilgrims were arrested and jailed for days and months without any case.
- In April 2021, the NDA led Union government sent notices to Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook **to take down several posts and block various accounts that were discussing the pandemic and its management.**
- On April 23rd, 2021, at the behest of the Indian government, Twitter (X) blocked **50+ tweets from politicians, filmmakers, and others criticising the mishandling of the pandemic**
- **Information was blocked on digital platforms by the government by using section 69A of Information Technology Act, 2000**
- In BJP led Uttar Pradesh in 2021, **a man was charged** by authorities over a tweet pleading for oxygen for his dying grandfather. They accused him of “circulating a rumour” while officials denied that there wasn’t widespread oxygen shortage



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