

CHAPTER-5

THE SMELL OF CORPSES ALL AROUND DURNING COVID-19



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*This corona virus is a big rock,
Its fire-touch makes the heart glow.
The black bumblebee could not come running.
But in that wind—the smell of corpses is still found today!
Alas, the virus! How ruthless, how ruthless, heretic:
The child can not embrace the dead body of his father*



Figure: A picture that describes the horror of COVID-19.

In this Chapter you will be familiar with the following:

1. Smell of corpses in the air during COVID-19.
2. The heartrending crisis during COVID -19.
3. What we have to do towards the dead body during COVID -19.

Whatever it is, the rain is not going away. In the whimsy of the weather, summer, monsoon, spring are all in harmony. However, the corona virus (COVID-19) infection has raised eyebrows even more than the coming and going of rain in all seasons. Experts claim that this deadly disease will be overcome in the heat as

a medicine to kill this growing virus. That is why the world is waiting for summer with 'smart eyes'.

And at such a time I am sitting at home counting the processions of death and hearing the cries of the relatives at the loss of beloved persons. As the house is near the cemetery, every afternoon of the day is becoming horrible in the procession of death, frightened by the new attack. Sitting in this quarantine, I spend every morning watching the death procession.

Smell of corpses in the air during covid-19:

★The sound of the wind can be heard the cry of the newly married woman. Seeing this cry, it seems that someone is snatching the air from her lungs. What a cruel situation! The woman can't cry hugging her husband's dead body for this pandemic situation. Sitting far away, she is shedding tears. This woman is my neighbor's new bride. Her husband was a banker. Although everything was closed in the lockdown, her husband was affected by Corona as the country's banks were open. After fighting with Corona for 7 days, he did not return to his homeland.

There were no relatives for his funeral that day. Finally, the volunteers finished his burial.

★ That day was Friday. Taramoni and her friends suddenly made a plan. The next day they will be united with the autumn cashews wearing the blue sari. As planned, they went out for a walk on Sunday wearing a blue sari of peace. Just then a call came from an unknown number on Taramoni phone. She could not receive the call on that busy day. But after returning to the hostel at night with the phone in hand and unlocking the phone, she remembered the call from that unknown number. Then she called that number. A male voice said hello. Hearing this hello word, an unknown echo started ringing in Taramoni mind. After a conversation between them, it was understood that the call had come to Taramoni number by mistake. This mistake started the affair between them. Taramoni is just a first-year student of the university and Nayan is an unemployed graduate. Almost tired of wandering around hoping for a job. In

just way, Taramoni wanted to become a passenger of this tiredness life of Nayan.

Thus, their new love song has been playing for a few months. Then taramoni came home due to lockdown. Because of Corona, the whole world is coming to a standstill and their love is coming to a standstill. There was a lot of speculation that they would meet for the first time. Taramoni will stand in front of Nayan wearing a favorite purple sari. But where is it! One day, Nayan's phone has been off since morning. Taramoni could not communicate with Nayan. Can't even communicate anymore. Because Covid-19 has swallowed the Nayan. Thus their love ended prematurely. Even so, Taramoni is still counting the days for the Nayan.

★Gobindodied of cancer, but the neighborhood is rotten corona sacrifice! The body remained at home for 10 hours. Rumor has it that person was a patient of corona virus. The family of the deceased is shocked by the behavior of the neighbors. Who knows that died person? He is my school teacher. No one came for

funeral. Eventually, his two daughters were taken to the crematorium to bury their father without following religious rituals.

★One afternoon I was sitting on the roof looking at the sky and watching the children flying kites. Seeing the red lantern kites in the open field that afternoon, it seems that the closed world has got the taste of liberation. Then suddenly my phone rang. I looked at the screen of the phone and saw the call from one of my friends. After receiving the call, I heard the scream of my friend's voice from the side. Then I heard the graveyard of Christians next to my friend's house. His relatives left the body of a dead man there and fled. It was later learned that the man was a patient of Corona.

What a strange world we have reached!

The father raised the child by earning money by throwing gum on his head and feet. But no one can be found next to that father's funeral.

I can't really control myself when I see peoples like this around me. Every day so many people are

being brought there to the graveyard next to my room. I sit and watch them silently but I can't do anything. And I can't even get out of the house because of the lockdown. My heart is constantly burning. Yet I am helpless.

The heartening crisis during covid-19:

I have read books since childhood, people are social creatures. Is that really so? It is also said that the real form of man can be seen in danger. Perhaps the advent of the corona virus as a curse today is to prove the truth of this statement.

Today, people are unequivocally removing the badge of that social being from their bodies, the rich and the poor, the most popular proverb, 'Uncle save your life', is unknowingly revealing the most ugly form hidden inside us. Today we humans have become the greatest enemy of man, the most antisocial. At the end of the day no one belongs to anyone, but alone like space; this one corona virus is coming and explaining it to us with a finger in the eye. We know very well that tomorrow or the day after tomorrow,

like other epidemics, this corona virus will also leave Mother Earth's bosom. Just take with me the lives of countless people like you. And it will leave an indelible mark of terror on people's minds forever. At least for this generation it is a huge push. Because we have never seen such a blockaded and terrified world since its birth, the ultimate level of inhumanity and the melody of disbelief in the eyes of the people.

★I'm sorry, Mom

For example, first of all, when it was getting late in the afternoon, I was scrolling through the Face book homepage. Suddenly a headline in the newspaper caught my eye. "The children left the mother in the forest out of suspicion."

How ruthless! After reading the whole news, something cold went down my spine and the inside of my chest started crying. I just thought, is it possible? Where do we live? Is it the human world? Even though I didn't want to, I remembered Nachiketa Chakraborty's famous song-

“I want to live a hundred years, now I have sixty, after twenty-five years Khoka will be sixty-nine. This room in the ashram is small, there is a lot of space, baby - I will live with two people side by side I dream of that day is terrible, face to face with me, baby and old age home!”

Of course, the forehead of the old mother must be kind of good. Instead of being housed in an old age home, she was housed in a forest, in the lap of Mother Nature, where she was rescued by police with the help of locals in the dark of night following her cries. But if we had a place in the old age home, we might have seen that things like Spain are happening here too. The children did not see it, on the contrary, the workers of the old age home are fleeing for fear of Corona leaving the old people in the old age home.

Social courtesy is being lost:

Nowadays, I almost think, "Alas, people are colorful lanterns, breathless!" The song seems to be made for the current situation. There is a flood of

corpses all over the world now. Due to a little unknown, invisible, untouchable virus.

If any of us are infected with corona virus, the infection is spreading to many more people. On the other hand, a group of people are hiding the symptoms of corona in the hospital. Once identified, a whole unit or hospital is being locked down. If corona virus is caught, lest they be isolated! This fear. It doesn't stop there. Patients in isolation are fleeing the hospital, with some again threatening to commit suicide. What a turbulent time, no?

But my point is, why are these people doing such unbridled madness? Just for ignorance or something else? In this case, I think, the attitude of a large number of people like "If I die, I will go to my grandfather's house and die" or "I will get three and a half hands of soil" is largely responsible for this. Because people now understand that once they touch the corona, no one will touch them anymore. And after the news of the corona virus spread, if he dies,

there will be no place in his grandfather's house, the villagers themselves will object.

Or have any of us ever thought that a day will come when a relative will not touch a relative when he is sick or dies, a neighbor will not come to show sympathy! The most beloved child will leave the mother in the deep forest! The mother will be sitting with the body of the dead child, shouting but no one will come forward for the funeral! The father has to carry the body of the child! Even his family will refuse to accept the body of the dead man in Corona! I didn't think so. This hospitable nation is no longer coming forward to bury the dead and perform janaza even in the natural death of someone. If anyone is found to perform janaza in Kalevadra, no one is participating in that janaza. Instead of villagers or neighbors, various voluntary organizations have to come forward for the burial shroud. Even in mosques, news of death is no longer being spread. However, the most heartbreaking thing is that the authorities are

not even giving a bed to carry the body of the dead person affected by Corona.

We have to be careful now, so to speak? It feels tired to think. Then I realized to myself, this is the time when everything falls apart.

What we have to do towards the dead body during covid-19: In this pandemic situation, we must be humane towards the patients of covid-19 and the dead body during covid-19. There are some initiatives towards the dead body;

★Advice for mortuary care:

- Mortuary staff or funeral home workers preparing the body, washing the body, tidying/shaving hair, or trimming nails, should wear appropriate PPE according to standard IPC precautions and risk assessment, including gloves, gown with impermeable apron, medical mask, eye protection and closed footwear or footwear protection.
- Embalming is not recommended in order to avoid excessive manipulation of the body. However, if

embalming is done, it should be performed by trained, experienced staff, following standard IPC precautions.

- If the family wishes to view the body, allow them to do so, but instruct them not to touch or kiss the body, to maintain at least 1 meter distance from one another and any staff during the viewing and to perform hand hygiene after the viewing.

★Management of the dead body during covid-19:

In contexts where mortuary services are available, but traditional funeral rites involve bringing the body home for vigils or home viewings prior to cremation, the above guidance should be followed and can be adapted as follows:

- Bodies should be prepared in the mortuary or hospital as per the relevant guidelines before being released to the family.
- A body bag, plastic sheeting or coffin is recommended for transportation of the dead body from the morgue to the viewing site.

- To open a body bag coffin for viewing, use gloves and medical mask, and once the coffin is opened, remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.
- Do not remove the body from the body bag, coffin or shrouding.
- If further manipulation than the above is required, follow the guidelines for the preparation of dead bodies at home.

★**Environmental cleaning:**

- Mortuary must be kept clean and properly ventilated at all times.
- Surfaces and instruments used for care of the dead body should be made of materials that can be easily cleaned and maintained between autopsies.
- Instruments used during mortuary care, at the funeral home should be cleaned and disinfected immediately after use, as part of routine procedure.
- Environmental surfaces, where the body is prepared, should first be cleaned with soap and water, or a commercially prepared disinfectant solution.

- Hospital grade disinfectants may also be used as long as they have a label claim against enveloped viruses, and they remain on the surface according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Personnel should use appropriate PPE, including respiratory (medical mask) and eye protection, when preparing and using disinfectants, while following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Items classified as clinical waste must be handled and disposed of properly as infectious waste and according to legal requirements.

The whole world is blocked today due to the global epidemic corona virus. And this is the hope of every human being who can come out of it. To save from this epidemic that everyone is constantly working from their place. The epidemic will not leave this world quickly. The desire for love will be created in every human being. The world is closed today because of the epidemic. The death procession is constantly growing around. And pray for hope to return from this journey of death to the Creator.