

# Editorial

As the New Year started, we faced some specific issues. Vaccines were being given in some parts of the world where there is a pronounced increase in case loads. Different vaccines that are being used or likely to be used in the near future, including Asia, may contain the spread of the virus and we can hopefully look forward to a near normal situation in the world by the end of 2021.

Damage done to the global economy is very large and likely to impact for many years to come for the economic recovery of several nations in the world.

The covid has definitely impacted our climate since it seems to survive and multiply under many conditions—very hot to very cold as well. Reminds us of bacteria during pre Cambrian times (2.5 billion years ago) when bugs could survive very acidic and toxic systems!

The covid has disturbed the learning processes for students since everything has become virtual that has its own plus points and limitations as well. With social distancing, man has become aloof from one another and untouchable as well. Of course virus has equalized all men and women that no social or political order in the world could achieve so far! Due to excessive use of plastic based materials (gloves, PPE, hand wash, sanitizer etc.) on health ground, the covid has increased plastic pollution around the world and microplastics seem to have got into drinking water as well in many countries. Caution is required now.

Man, in spite of being the most intelligent animal, is at the receiving end from a tiny life form suggesting size at times does not matter. A lesson from this ordeal: Simple life has better chance of survival in future in an increasingly complex world on economic, social, health and political level. We have to remember Darwin theory of extinction and evolution going hand in hand; may be we are heading in that direction this year!

Have a happy reading!

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