LEGAL DIMENSIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN INDIA: NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE LAW

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ABSTRACT

With the emergence of the Corona Virus Disease 2019, there has been a massive revelation of how humans react to a global crisis. The need for law in every aspect has been prevalent all these years. However, during the pandemic, we see a higher degree of requirement for appropriate legislation to regulate and control the situation that is continuously deteriorating with the rise in cases of patients affected by the virus due to lack of healthcare facilities, hygiene and most importantly public control. Realizing the harm and impact that the spread of diseases can cause to a nation, every country needs to have a legislation that aims to prevent the spread of the disease. In this, the researchers have examined the legal challenges that obstruct combating the Corona Virus Disease 2019. The paper has identified the implications of the vulnerabilities of broad population caused by the disease and challenges it posed to the regulators including the judicial sector of the country, and thereby a need arises for reform in the existing legislative framework in India.

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