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## **Covid 19 Pandemic and Persons with Disabilities in India**

**Date: 19 June 2020**

**Time: 5PM**

**Abstract:**

The rapid spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 has sparked alarm worldwide, leading to several stages of lock down. This is probably an apt time to discuss the lives of people who live like this all round the year in India. The systemic exclusion of disabled people from family, social and community life is mirrored today in the social isolation and distancing entire populations are experiencing in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. For disabled people, the pandemic and the consequent lockdown brings to the fore an entire range of health related concerns, issues around care and social protection and questions of violence faced by disabled people and their families. The contradictions in terms of social distancing faced by the general population at present and the social isolation imposed on disabled people within communities now has another dimension – the issues around touch, contamination as well as problems in imposing social distancing for certain groups of disabled people. This paper is a work in progress, attempting to flag some of the issues that disabled people are facing in India during the pandemic and its subsequent suspension of everyday life activities.

**The Webinar will be via Zoom. All those who are interested to join can please fill the google form on or before 18 June 2020, so that invitations can be sent to you.**

**Link to Google Form: <https://forms.gle/sBtGS5DPstRC1WFT6>**

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