

COVID Survey : March 2020

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CATI Survey Sample Size: 1421

Survey Fieldwork: 17th March 2020 to 18th March 2020

Table 1

		Q1a :How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I am afraid that either myself or someone in my family may actually catch the Coronavirus.				
		Don't know/Can't say	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Gender	Male	2.1%	21.3%	19.5%	19.8%	37.2%
	Female	0.6%	21.0%	16.2%	15.5%	46.7%
Age_Group	Fresher(Below-25)	1.4%	16.8%	25.8%	18.2%	37.8%
	Young(25-45)	1.0%	27.5%	15.1%	17.4%	39.0%
	Middle Aged(45-60)	2.2%	13.0%	16.6%	14.1%	54.0%
	Old(60 and above)	1.6%	16.5%	17.7%	23.7%	40.5%
Education_Group	Lower Education	1.3%	21.9%	18.2%	15.0%	43.7%
	Middle Education	1.1%	20.9%	17.4%	20.3%	40.3%
	Higher Education	2.5%	18.1%	17.5%	26.6%	35.3%
Income_group	Lower Income Group	1.8%	22.3%	20.1%	14.4%	41.4%
	Middle Income Group	0.6%	18.0%	17.4%	21.7%	42.2%
	Higher Income Group	2.0%	24.6%	11.4%	19.7%	42.3%
Social_group	Others	0.0%	70.1%	3.4%	10.8%	15.6%
	SC (Scheduled Caste/Dalits)	1.5%	24.1%	20.1%	20.0%	34.2%
	ST (Scheduled Tribes)	0.0%	14.2%	12.1%	32.3%	41.4%
	OBC (Other Backward Classes)	1.5%	19.5%	21.0%	18.0%	39.9%
	UCh (Upper Caste Hindus)	2.1%	17.7%	13.4%	17.0%	49.8%
	Muslim	1.3%	25.1%	19.6%	12.7%	41.2%
	Christians	0.0%	11.1%	34.9%	4.6%	49.4%
	Sikhs	0.0%	25.3%	7.3%	2.0%	65.5%
	East	1.3%	30.0%	21.4%	11.4%	36.0%
country specific region: India	North	2.6%	23.4%	17.2%	16.4%	40.5%
	South	0.1%	11.9%	23.0%	17.6%	47.4%
	West	1.6%	19.1%	11.4%	24.5%	43.4%
Location	Rural	1.3%	18.6%	20.4%	17.3%	42.4%
	Semi-urban	1.2%	25.5%	12.1%	20.9%	40.2%
	Urban	2.6%	21.9%	22.4%	9.8%	43.3%
	Total	1.4%	21.2%	17.9%	17.7%	41.8%

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		Q1b :How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I think the Indian government is handling the Coronavirus well				
		Don't know/Can't say	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Gender	Male	2.9%	55.9%	29.0%	5.1%	7.2%
	Female	2.6%	60.7%	21.6%	4.8%	10.4%
Age_Group	Fresher(Below-25)	1.4%	49.5%	27.6%	5.6%	16.0%
	Young(25-45)	3.5%	56.4%	27.1%	4.4%	8.5%
	Middle Aged(45-60)	3.9%	66.2%	22.3%	2.8%	4.8%
	Old(60 and above)	0.2%	68.0%	19.8%	9.2%	2.9%
	Lower Education	3.3%	57.1%	26.5%	4.0%	9.0%
Education_Group	Middle Education	1.8%	62.7%	19.9%	5.4%	10.2%
	Higher Education	1.5%	56.5%	28.4%	8.5%	5.2%
Income_group	Lower Income Group	3.2%	55.8%	25.6%	4.2%	11.3%
	Middle Income Group	3.2%	60.1%	25.1%	5.7%	5.9%
	Higher Income Group	0.0%	61.9%	25.7%	5.9%	6.5%
Social_group	Others	6.7%	71.0%	22.3%	0.0%	0.0%
	SC (Scheduled Caste/Dalits)	2.4%	52.9%	28.5%	5.5%	10.7%
	ST (Scheduled Tribes)	0.0%	52.2%	36.0%	0.0%	11.8%
	OBC (Other Backward Classes)	3.9%	60.0%	25.8%	3.5%	6.8%
	UCH (Upper Caste Hindus)	0.9%	71.4%	15.3%	7.1%	5.3%
	Muslim	4.3%	41.1%	31.1%	7.7%	15.8%
	Christians	0.0%	57.2%	37.7%	5.1%	0.0%
	Sikhs	7.3%	47.2%	20.7%	3.4%	21.4%
country specific region: India	East	2.2%	58.0%	23.4%	8.2%	8.3%
	North	2.8%	65.4%	19.7%	3.8%	8.3%
	South	4.7%	51.8%	29.7%	5.0%	8.9%
	West	1.6%	57.0%	28.9%	3.1%	9.4%
Location	Rural	3.0%	56.9%	27.4%	4.5%	8.2%
	Semi-urban	3.0%	60.4%	19.7%	6.0%	10.9%
	Urban	0.4%	58.5%	32.2%	4.0%	4.9%
	Total	2.7%	58.2%	25.4%	4.9%	8.7%

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		Q1c :How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I believe the threat from the Coronavirus is exaggerated				
		Don't know/Can't say	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Gender	Male	5.2%	40.9%	20.6%	13.0%	20.4%
	Female	4.5%	42.2%	15.5%	13.4%	24.4%
Age_Group	Fresher(Below-25)	1.8%	38.0%	15.4%	19.9%	24.9%
	Young(25-45)	7.4%	39.5%	20.2%	13.6%	19.3%
	Middle Aged(45-60)	3.7%	35.4%	21.9%	8.5%	30.5%
	Old(60 and above)	1.6%	65.2%	9.0%	7.3%	17.0%
Education_Group	Lower Education	6.2%	40.8%	16.8%	13.9%	22.2%
	Middle Education	3.5%	38.6%	20.8%	11.8%	25.3%
	Higher Education	0.2%	49.1%	20.3%	11.9%	18.4%
Income_group	Lower Income Group	5.9%	39.4%	18.3%	12.5%	23.9%
	Middle Income Group	4.7%	41.1%	17.8%	14.2%	22.2%
	Higher Income Group	1.4%	50.2%	18.3%	13.2%	16.9%
Social_group	Others	29.7%	48.6%	17.7%	3.6%	0.5%
	SC (Scheduled Caste/Dalits)	3.8%	42.0%	24.2%	13.8%	16.2%
	ST (Scheduled Tribes)	14.5%	21.6%	12.7%	2.8%	48.3%
	OBC (Other Backward Classes)	4.0%	37.4%	21.0%	13.2%	24.4%
	UCH (Upper Caste Hindus)	3.0%	52.4%	15.7%	11.7%	17.2%
	Muslim	2.6%	39.1%	16.3%	21.0%	21.1%
	Christians	0.0%	22.2%	4.6%	29.7%	43.5%
	Sikhs	7.3%	88.6%	1.4%	0.0%	2.7%
country specific region: India	East	10.1%	35.0%	14.2%	17.0%	23.8%
	North	2.8%	49.1%	19.5%	12.3%	16.3%
	South	4.0%	38.8%	21.9%	9.3%	26.0%
	West	2.7%	42.6%	17.3%	14.0%	23.5%
Location	Rural	5.3%	39.3%	19.2%	12.2%	24.0%
	Semi-urban	5.0%	43.9%	14.8%	15.2%	21.1%
	Urban	1.7%	46.7%	22.9%	12.6%	16.2%
	Total	4.8%	41.5%	18.2%	13.2%	22.3%

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		Q1d :How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I am willing to sacrifice some of my human rights if it helps prevent the spread of the virus.				
		Don't know/Can't say	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Gender	Male	2.4%	68.0%	20.2%	3.1%	6.3%
	Female	2.2%	75.4%	11.5%	4.5%	6.4%
Age_Group	Fresher(Below-25)	0.8%	70.5%	15.1%	6.1%	7.5%
	Young(25-45)	2.7%	73.9%	15.3%	3.5%	4.6%
	Middle Aged(45-60)	3.0%	67.7%	16.0%	4.3%	9.0%
	Old(60 and above)	2.4%	70.1%	20.4%	0.0%	7.1%
	Lower Education	2.9%	69.7%	16.1%	3.7%	7.6%
Education_Group	Middle Education	1.5%	72.7%	16.0%	4.1%	5.7%
	Higher Education	0.7%	78.3%	15.8%	3.7%	1.4%
Income_group	Lower Income Group	3.3%	69.9%	17.3%	4.2%	5.3%
	Middle Income Group	0.9%	71.9%	13.8%	3.2%	10.3%
	Higher Income Group	2.1%	76.5%	16.8%	4.1%	0.5%
Social_group	Others	29.7%	50.6%	7.1%	0.0%	12.6%
	SC (Scheduled Caste/Dalits)	0.1%	79.3%	11.8%	5.7%	3.1%
	ST (Scheduled Tribes)	0.0%	59.7%	25.5%	5.4%	9.4%
	OBC (Other Backward Classes)	1.4%	70.1%	18.6%	3.6%	6.2%
	UCH (Upper Caste Hindus)	2.5%	75.6%	13.1%	2.7%	6.0%
	Muslim	2.1%	69.0%	19.4%	4.7%	4.8%
	Christians	4.6%	61.6%	4.1%	0.0%	29.7%
	Sikhs	10.9%	79.6%	7.9%	0.0%	1.5%
country specific region: India	East	3.4%	79.1%	10.1%	4.1%	3.2%
	North	1.7%	76.0%	19.2%	1.4%	1.7%
	South	3.8%	60.5%	18.8%	3.4%	13.4%
	West	0.6%	70.0%	15.9%	6.0%	7.4%
Location	Rural	2.2%	72.8%	15.2%	3.9%	5.9%
	Semi-urban	2.6%	69.6%	18.4%	4.1%	5.3%
	Urban	1.9%	70.4%	13.4%	2.5%	11.9%
	Total	2.3%	71.5%	16.0%	3.8%	6.3%

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		Q2 : When thinking about the Coronavirus here in India which of the following do you think is most likely to happen over the next month?			
		Don't know/Can't say	The worst is yet to come	The situation will remain largely the same as it is now	We are over the worst of it- things will begin to improve
Gender	Male	10.9%	18.7%	11.8%	58.6%
	Female	10.3%	17.3%	8.4%	64.0%
Age_Group	Fresher(Below-25)	3.2%	36.5%	6.3%	53.9%
	Young(25-45)	13.3%	15.7%	9.8%	61.1%
	Middle Aged(45-60)	11.1%	9.0%	8.1%	71.8%
	Old(60 and above)	11.8%	8.8%	22.0%	57.4%
Education_Group	Lower Education	13.6%	16.8%	9.2%	60.4%
	Middle Education	5.5%	22.3%	9.8%	62.3%
	Higher Education	4.3%	17.2%	15.3%	63.3%
Income_group	Lower Income Group	13.7%	17.9%	9.2%	59.2%
	Middle Income Group	9.5%	18.0%	9.5%	63.0%
	Higher Income Group	2.3%	18.4%	15.5%	63.8%
Social_group	Others	36.9%	4.2%	39.5%	19.4%
	SC (Scheduled Caste/Dalits)	8.2%	21.4%	12.2%	58.2%
	ST (Scheduled Tribes)	11.8%	21.4%	12.6%	54.2%
	OBC (Other Backward Classes)	10.6%	21.7%	10.6%	57.1%
	UCH (Upper Caste Hindus)	6.7%	11.3%	8.5%	73.5%
	Muslim	15.5%	15.2%	4.8%	64.5%
	Christians	0.0%	42.3%	0.0%	57.7%
country specific region: India	Sikhs	23.7%	0.0%	17.9%	58.4%
	East	14.4%	17.2%	5.0%	63.4%
	North	6.3%	16.8%	14.2%	62.7%
	South	16.2%	20.1%	10.4%	53.2%
Location	West	6.5%	18.1%	10.9%	64.5%
	Rural	11.5%	15.6%	10.8%	62.2%
	Semi-urban	10.1%	19.7%	9.0%	61.2%
	Urban	7.3%	26.9%	10.6%	55.2%
	Total	10.6%	18.0%	10.2%	61.2%

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		Q3_1 : Using medical masks	Q3_2 : Wearing hand gloves	Q3_3 : Using hand sanitizer	Q3_4 : Washing my hands more frequently	Q3_5 : Staying in my house/less social interaction	Q3_6 : Self quarantining	Q3_7 : Other	Q3_8 : I haven't taken any precautionary procedures yet
		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Gender	Male	26.6%	9.1%	25.0%	73.8%	30.0%	14.8%	7.9%	12.7%
	Female	22.3%	5.4%	17.8%	69.0%	24.1%	9.0%	8.8%	11.7%
Age_Group	Fresher(Below-25)	34.1%	8.5%	26.3%	70.2%	29.1%	16.7%	8.1%	18.4%
	Young(25-45)	24.6%	8.6%	24.7%	70.6%	28.6%	13.0%	7.3%	11.9%
	Middle Aged(45-60)	19.9%	6.8%	15.9%	67.8%	22.1%	7.2%	12.7%	10.2%
	Old(60 and above)	14.9%	0.9%	9.4%	83.3%	25.8%	7.2%	5.7%	5.7%
Education_Group	Lower Education	21.6%	8.0%	19.2%	67.7%	25.0%	9.9%	9.7%	14.4%
	Middle Education	34.0%	8.2%	26.8%	81.8%	33.8%	16.9%	6.6%	6.4%
	Higher Education	24.5%	3.1%	24.5%	74.1%	27.6%	14.4%	4.3%	10.4%
Income_group	Lower Income Group	23.1%	8.4%	19.2%	70.2%	26.5%	10.7%	8.8%	12.6%
	Middle Income Group	25.7%	5.3%	20.8%	73.6%	26.0%	11.4%	9.2%	10.8%
	Higher Income Group	26.9%	8.1%	31.6%	71.1%	32.4%	18.1%	4.4%	14.2%
	Others	43.3%	3.4%	0.0%	60.3%	30.3%	3.4%	12.6%	0.0%
Social_group	SC (Scheduled Caste/Dalits)	23.8%	7.8%	24.0%	78.3%	32.6%	11.7%	6.8%	10.9%
	ST (Scheduled Tribes)	18.8%	1.3%	9.0%	60.4%	8.8%	2.7%	17.5%	27.9%
	OBC (Other Backward Classes)	23.0%	10.3%	23.7%	71.7%	29.9%	15.4%	5.9%	9.2%
	UCH (Upper Caste Hindus)	24.3%	2.1%	20.2%	75.0%	28.8%	12.3%	9.0%	8.6%
	Muslim	32.3%	12.5%	28.9%	67.5%	25.1%	12.6%	9.2%	18.7%
	Christians	9.9%	0.0%	9.1%	68.0%	17.8%	8.7%	0.0%	5.1%
	Sikhs	25.3%	16.5%	16.5%	55.5%	10.0%	0.0%	16.5%	31.5%
country specific region: India	East	33.9%	7.7%	24.3%	69.8%	29.3%	16.6%	10.1%	11.8%
	North	23.9%	5.3%	24.2%	70.6%	31.1%	10.8%	9.4%	13.6%
	South	18.5%	9.0%	23.9%	76.8%	26.7%	9.7%	6.5%	8.0%
	West	22.0%	7.5%	14.7%	69.4%	22.0%	11.1%	7.2%	14.9%
Location	Rural	22.2%	7.1%	17.3%	71.4%	27.1%	11.5%	7.7%	12.7%
	Semi-urban	29.3%	7.9%	28.1%	69.7%	26.8%	14.8%	9.2%	13.0%
	Urban	23.2%	6.6%	24.8%	77.8%	28.7%	5.8%	9.0%	7.0%
	Total	24.5%	7.3%	21.5%	71.5%	27.2%	12.0%	8.3%	12.2%

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		Q4 : Do you believe that a foreign power /other force is deliberately causing the spread of Coronavirus or do you think it is something that emerged naturally?		
		Don't know/Can't say	Yes, a foreign power /other force is deliberately causing the spread of	No/Nobody is behind it/its natural emergence
Gender	Male	19.4%	49.1%	31.5%
	Female	26.4%	39.5%	34.1%
Age_Group	Fresher(Below-25)	14.6%	49.9%	35.5%
	Young(25-45)	22.3%	47.3%	30.4%
	Middle Aged(45-60)	31.7%	35.9%	32.4%
	Old(60 and above)	25.0%	37.3%	37.7%
Education_Group	Lower Education	26.3%	43.5%	30.3%
	Middle Education	18.9%	47.6%	33.4%
	Higher Education	12.2%	44.7%	43.0%
Income_group	Lower Income Group	24.2%	44.2%	31.7%
	Middle Income Group	25.6%	41.9%	32.4%
	Higher Income Group	11.0%	51.9%	37.1%
Social_group	Others	10.9%	67.2%	21.9%
	SC (Scheduled Caste/Dalits)	25.7%	52.3%	22.0%
	ST (Scheduled Tribes)	29.1%	45.7%	25.2%
	OBC (Other Backward Classes)	18.9%	47.2%	33.9%
	UCH (Upper Caste Hindus)	21.7%	38.0%	40.4%
	Muslim	23.3%	36.4%	40.4%
	Christians	44.1%	34.2%	21.8%
	Sikhs	33.3%	56.1%	10.6%
country specific region: India	East	21.1%	46.0%	32.9%
	North	22.0%	47.0%	31.0%
	South	24.7%	48.4%	26.9%
	West	23.4%	37.6%	39.0%
Location	Rural	22.5%	45.1%	32.4%
	Semi-urban	23.4%	45.7%	30.9%
	Urban	22.7%	37.1%	40.1%
	Total	22.8%	44.5%	32.7%

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		Q5 : IF yes, which country/other force do you believe is behind the spread of Coronavirus? (Verbatim)							
		Don't know/Can't say	America	Britain	China	Iran	Italy	Korea	Pakistan
Gender	Male	24.8%	3.9%	0.2%	70.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%
	Female	15.2%	1.8%	0.0%	81.8%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Age_Group	Fresher(Below-25)	26.5%	2.2%	0.0%	70.9%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
	Young(25-45)	18.6%	4.9%	0.2%	75.5%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%
	Middle Aged(45-60)	23.7%	0.0%	0.0%	73.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	1.9%
	Old(60 and above)	13.7%	0.0%	0.0%	84.7%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Education_Group	Lower Education	25.5%	1.1%	0.0%	72.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.5%
	Middle Education	10.1%	2.5%	0.4%	86.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%
	Higher Education	15.2%	12.1%	0.0%	71.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.4%
Income_group	Lower Income Group	21.5%	1.8%	0.2%	75.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%
	Middle Income Group	18.1%	1.2%	0.0%	78.5%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.2%
	Higher Income Group	22.5%	10.2%	0.0%	67.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Social_group	Others	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	SC (Scheduled Caste/Dalits)	20.3%	8.0%	0.0%	71.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	ST (Scheduled Tribes)	40.3%	0.0%	0.0%	59.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	OBC (Other Backward Classes)	8.7%	3.0%	0.4%	85.4%	0.4%	0.8%	0.4%	0.8%
	UCH (Upper Caste Hindus)	19.7%	1.6%	0.0%	76.6%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.8%
	Muslim	36.5%	1.4%	0.0%	62.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Christians	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Sikhs	36.7%	0.0%	0.0%	63.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
country specific region: India	East	16.1%	0.4%	0.0%	82.6%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
	North	24.0%	0.6%	0.0%	74.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	1.1%
	South	14.3%	3.5%	0.0%	80.4%	0.0%	1.2%	0.6%	0.0%
	West	28.5%	8.0%	0.5%	62.2%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%
Location	Rural	19.3%	4.7%	0.0%	74.9%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%
	Semi-urban	25.4%	0.4%	0.4%	72.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	1.1%
	Urban	10.0%	1.9%	0.0%	88.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Total	20.4%	3.1%	0.0%	75.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%

METHODOLOGY DETAILS

Current survey findings and projections are based on CVoter daily tracking poll on CATI, conducted during last seven days among 18+ adults nationwide. The data is weighted to the known demographic profile of the States. Sometimes the table figures do not sum to 100 due to the effects of rounding. Our final data file has Socio-Economic profile within +/- 1% of the Demographic profile of the State. We believe this will give the closest possible trends. The Tracking Poll Fieldwork covers random probability samples during the last 7 days from the release date. The sample spread is across all Assembly segments across all states. MoE is +/- 3% at macro level and +/- 5% at micro level with 95% Confidence interval.

This survey covers all States in India and was conducted in 10 languages as part of our routine OmniBus. This is a thorough random probability sample; and we are ensuring a proper representative analysis by statistical weighing of the data to make it representative of the local population as per the latest census and /or other available demographic benchmarks. We strictly follow the WAPOR code of conduct (World Association of Public Opinion Research) for our ethical & transparent scientific practices and have incorporated the PCI (Press Council Of India) guidelines as our SOP (Standard Operating Procedures).