

**JUDGING THE RIGHT TIME FOR IMPOSING LOCKDOWN TO COMBAT  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC: CASE STUDY OF DELHI AND MAHARASTRA DURING  
THE SECOND WAVE OF THE PANDEMIC**

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**Abstract:**

**Covid-19 pandemic has devastated the entire world in all perspectives. India is now passing through the second wave of the pandemic from April 2021. From the beginning of first wave of covid-19 pandemic, India had undertaken the strategy of nationwide lockdown to prevent the spread of the disease. During the second wave of the pandemic, Indian Government leaves it to the States and UTs to decide the time of lockdown and unlock to mitigate covid-19 pandemic. It is very important to impose lockdown in the right time to prevent the spread of the disease and unlock it gradually. Prolonged lockdown also affects the common people as they lost their job and it also become very difficult to sustain. Present paper focused on the lockdown and unlocking time in Delhi and Maharashtra to combat covid-19 pandemic during the second wave.**

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