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FULL TEXT

2020 APR 28 (NewsRx) -- By a News Reporter-Staff News Editor at TB & Outbreaks Week -- Researchers detail new data in Coronavirus - COVID-19. According to news reporting from Uttar Pradesh, India, by NewsRx journalists, research stated, "Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) originating from China has rapidly crossed borders, infecting people throughout the whole world. This phenomenon has led to a massive public reaction; the media has been reporting continuously across borders to keep all informed about the pandemic situation."

The news correspondents obtained a quote from the research from King George's Medical University, "All these things are creating a lot of concern for people leading to heightened levels of anxiety. Pandemics can lead to heightened levels of stress; Anxiety is a common response to any stressful situation. This study attempted to assess the knowledge, attitude, anxiety experience, and perceived mental healthcare need among adult Indian population during the COVID-19 pandemic. An online survey was conducted using a semi-structured questionnaire using a non-probability snowball sampling technique. A total of 662 responses were received. The responders had a moderate level of knowledge about the COVID-19 infection and adequate knowledge about its preventive aspects. The attitude towards COVID-19 showed peoples' willingness to follow government guidelines on quarantine and social distancing. The anxiety levels identified in the study were high. More than 80 % of the people were preoccupied with the thoughts of COVID-19 and 72 % reported the need to use gloves, and sanitizers. In this study, sleep difficulties, paranoia about acquiring COVID-19 infection and distress related social media were reported in 12.5 %, 37.8 %, and 36.4 % participants respectively. The perceived mental healthcare need was seen in more than 80 % of participants."

According to the news reporters, the research concluded: "There is a need to intensify the awareness and address the mental health issues of people during this COVID-19 pandemic."

For more information on this research see: Study of knowledge, attitude, anxiety & perceived mental healthcare need in Indian population during COVID-19 pandemic. *Asian Journal of Psychiatry*, 2020;51():102083. (Elsevier - www.elsevier.com; Asian Journal of Psychiatry - www.journals.elsevier.com/asian-journal-of-psychiatry/)

Our news journalists report that additional information may be obtained by contacting S. Tripathy, King George's Medical University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India. Additional authors for this research include D. Roy, S.K. Kar, N. Sharma, S.K. Verma and V. Kaushal. and can be your direct source for a journal article and its citation.

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