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# COMMUNICATION RIGHTS DURING COVID-19 – AN INDIAN EXPERIMENTS

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Human rights are the birthright of every human being and they form an integral part of the socio-cultural fabric of mankind all over the world. But they are vulnerable to abuse and violation. It is the duty of the nation states to protect and sustain these rights through constitutional measures. Nevertheless, the situation in most of the third-world countries is quite disturbing. The economically and socially weaker segments of population suffer a great deal in their daily lives. This is due to blatant violation of human rights at the hands of the affluent and powerful groups. Initially the main focus of human rights was on civil and political rights of the citizens. While civil and political rights focused largely on the rights of the individual, in the mid-1970's, a new human rights discourse based on group rights, collective rights and people's rights began to articulate within the framework of social and political empowerment. As the political and social fabric of humanity changes in

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