



## The Coronavirus Collective Hidden Talents

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For several decades, people have made myriad of predictions of what life would be like in 2020, but no one could have predicted what's happening now. Nature has taken its toll on us.

On the flipside, nature has bestowed us with spectacular unseen views of Himalayas, seen for the first time in decades from rooftops of houses. As well as purified and pollution free rivers and a peaceful environment free from the daily traffic noises.

Around the world, nations stand united and are helpful to each other in this pandemic – a truly commendable feat. As they say “in the time of test, family is the best”; lockdown has clearly united people with their family, and I feel happy about this. People are spending more time together at home and online with other family members.

Moreover, people have now become more aware about their health. I utilized this time to do various online certificate courses on COVID and other self-development activities to enhance my clinical skills and knowledge. I even did a diploma. I attended many webinars and talks of the Royal College Societies, which were truly helpful.

Outside of work, I have used this opportunity to unlock my hidden talents in calligraphy and photography. I like to play

keyboard and these times have inspired me to compose new tunes.

I believe this lockdown has made me more spiritual and religious, too. We do prayer sessions two times a day and seek blessings of the Almighty for our wellbeing and peace of mind and soul. This situation has reminded me of the strength in the prayers and deepened my faith.

I think our situation will make governments all over the world recognize the importance of healthcare workers, and also awaken them to invest more in health sectors. Furthermore, the necessity of quick action on the development of health science and research will certainly arise.

I truly believe this pandemic should be an eye opener to all about our planet's sustainability and how one should respect nature as well.

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