



## IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INDIAN STOCK MARKET: A REVIEW OF LITERATURE

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### Abstract

The paper conducts a qualitative analysis of literature available on the impact of Covid-19 on Indian stock market. WHO declared Covid-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020. This virus created health problems as well as economic problems all over the world. In this paper, guidelines related to Items of Preferred Reporting and Meta-Analyses were adopted for conducting the systematic review. Total 60 articles were identified by performing database searches that were published in English from 2020 to 2021. In these articles, performance of stock markets is empirically tested to know the impact of covid-19. The major findings of the present review showed that the markets become more volatile and unpredictable due to high uncertainty of the pandemic and its related economic losses. At starting of this pandemic, investors did not invest in stock market. Gold and cryptos were assumed to be a better and safe investments. But within a short span of time the Indian stock market re-gain confidence and started performing positively. Some of the researches also clear the mechanisms behind this. The present study finds that no study has been carried out to study the sector wise and industry wise impacts of Covid-19 on Indian stock market.

**Keywords:** Indian stock market, Covid-19, Pandemic, Investors, Systematic Literature Review, Volatility

### 1. Introduction

The new infectious corona virus (SARS-CoV-2), later on named as Covid-19 was initially discovered in China (Wuhan city) in December 2019. From China, this virus spread very speedily in other countries around the world (Kabir et al., 2020; Yang, Isa, & Ramayah, 2021; Zhou et al., 2020). World Health Organization (WHO) considered it a health emergency globally on Jan.30, 2020 and a pandemic in a very short time on March 11, 2020.

India is on 2<sup>nd</sup> position population wise and in population density it is on the top in the entire world. According to World Bank data about 176 million Indians are poor and their living standard is very low. In cleanliness, health and medical service, it has very low ranking all over the world. In India the first case of corona virus was reported on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020. ("DH Web Desk (2020). Coronavirus India update: State-wise total number of confirmed cases, deaths on April 17. ," 2020). To restrain the spread of this virus, a lockdown was announced by Indian government on March 24, 2020 for 21 days and then extended it as per requirement of that time, which continues till May 3, 2020 and about 14376 people were died by April 17, 2020 ("DH Web Desk (2020). Coronavirus India update: State-wise total number of confirmed cases, deaths on April 17. ," 2020). The global economy was affected by this pandemic and India was not the exception (Barbate, Gade, & Raibagkar, 2021). (Pandey & Kumar, 2011). This pandemic pushed the world in a great crisis of century.



This paper presents the review of research work related to consequences of covid-19 on the performance of stock market of different countries all over the world. This review will give an insight to understand how stock markets are behaving in response of covid-19 news and various control measures adopted by different authorities.

This research work is organised into four parts. In first part, a brief introduction of volatility and Indian stock market is given. The second part explains the techniques and methodologies adopted to collect and analyse the available literature. In third part, the summary to explain the impact of covid-19 and control measures adopted by different authorities to combat its adverse impacts is reported. Finally, the future scope of this study is proposed that will assist the investors as well as policymakers for better decision making and policy formation.

## **2. Volatility and Indian Stock Market**

Volatility is termed as random ups and downs in stock markets. The price, return and different events are uncertain and these are reflected by volatility in concerned stock market. Except over certain months, the volatility in stock prices in India has displayed a declining trend. Unlike the major developed and emerging stock markets, Indian stock market also shows similar characteristics. Whenever uncertainty and cynicism wrapped up an economy, then the investors are always expected to move to stable investment options instead of risky investments (Arin, Ciferri, & Spagnolo, 2008). But such type of adverse reaction of market always seems to be for a short time and markets return to the normal track when investors regained their confidence.

## **3. Research Methodology**

Standard methodology was adopted for this systematic review to ensure methodological rigour (Higgins et al., 2019). Multiple databases were searched to locate articles namely SAGE Publication, Elsevier, Emerald and Google Scholar. Appropriate terms like covid-19, preventive measures, Stock market volatility etc. were searched. Apart from this, various articles were retrieved through cross references. To find the relationship among covid-19 and stock market volatility, the review process is confined to empirical studies published only in English language from 2020 to 2021. This search yielded 9835 articles, after screening and reading titles & abstracts, 9690 articles were excluded due to duplication and irrelevancy. Full manuscripts of the remaining 145 articles were read and found potentially relevant. Finally 60 articles were selected for the final review, the remaining 85 were excluded based on inclusion–exclusion criteria. To highlight the sample characteristics data table was made that includes impact of covid-19 on stock markets of various countries, year, research methodology and major findings.

## **4. Objectives of Study**

Following questions are taken into consideration to guide this review of literature. (a) What is the impact of covid-19 on Indian stock market return and volatility? (b) What is the impact of covid-19 on Global stock market return and volatility? (c) How are the different preventive measures helpful to revive the declining stock market? These three questions helped the authors to conduct a comprehensive review of available literature. It also aims to find out the research gaps in existing studies for further research.

## **5. Literature Review**

### **5.1. Pandemic And Global Stock Market**

A very little work has been done to know the impact of this deadly disease on stock market return. Here efforts are made to analyse that research work which shows the effects of covid-19 on stock market risk,



volatility and return. Along this the impact of various steps taken by different authorities are also taken into consideration for analysis to get complete picture of the scene. Efforts are also made to see the consequences of this virus on stock market all over the world including Indian stock market specially.

The press news brought no impact on stock market returns in early stage of this pandemic. In the beginning, stock markets were performing very well. When it is announced as human to human communicable disease, it negatively impacted stock market returns. (Khan et al., 2020). During early stage of pandemic, US stock market volatility was increased but after that it became insensitive to new cases of covid-19. But China stock market was more volatile to very small daily increase in new cases(Gao, Ren, & Umar, 2021). Stock market volatility increased according to increase in covid-19 cases but it is lower in those countries where people have faith in themselves and trust in government(Engelhardt, Krause, Neukirchen, & Posch, 2021). Covid-19 news got more attention by the people at home causing covid-19 fear. It is found that stock market performance and GDP is decreased by 0.8% and 0.56% respectively with 1% rise in corona cases.(Li et al., 2021). Total number of confirmed cases at global level strongly affected the US stock market volatility in comparison to cases reported in US itself. The existing pandemic and its uncertainty increased US stock market volatility(Albulescu, 2021). Covid-19 news made US stock market highly volatile in comparison to other economic factors. Negative news (no. of deaths) has great impact on stock market volatility than positive news like recovery rate (Baek, Mohanty, & Glambosky, 2020). During this pandemic, the uncertainty of economic policy also increased stock market crash risk in US(Dai, Xiong, Liu, Huynh, & Sun, 2021).

Google searches regarding covid-19 created strong direct and indirect shock on volatility of European stock market in comparison to remaining world. The anxiety increased due to increased search about covid-19 and its economic consequences made negative relationship between return and volatility more stronger(Papadamou, Fassas, Kenourgios, & Dimitriou, 2020). Overall this pandemic increase volatility and reduces stock market return. But this return reduces less in more free countries in comparison to less free countries. Loss in stock markets by covid-19 was less in more free countries (Erdem, 2020). Investors that belong to high uncertainty avoiding countries reacted more strongly and stock markets of these countries displayed huge decline in return and high volatility in comparison to stock markets of low uncertainty avoidance, high individualism and low disease incidence countries (Fernandez-Perez, Gilbert, Indriawan, & Nguyen, 2021).

Asian stock markets reacted very quickly and reported more decline in their returns on the outbreak of this pandemic and in this slowdown investor's fear played the role of mediator and transmission channel. The shutting down of offices and factories reduced income and profitability of different companies. (H. Liu, Manzoor, Wang, Zhang, & Manzoor, 2020).

The spill over impact of covid-19 among Asian countries and European and American countries was bidirectional. The effect of this virus on returns is different and more than the impact of any recession. Because investors got confidence once the pandemic is over in comparison to recession (Q. He, Liu, Wang, & Yu, 2020). Health pandemic is a significant source of financial contagion from US and China to global stock market rather than only financial crises as proved in earlier studies. The volatility spill over is very weak from US and China to certain countries during this pandemic(Nguyen, Phan, Ming, & Nguyen, 2021).



The fluctuations in US stock market during this pandemic are mostly due to investor's sentiments rather than Federal Reserve announcements(Cox, Greenwald, & Ludvigson, 2020). A habituation was seen within six weeks, because the covid-19 fear reduced to previous level that was before lockdown. Covid-19 fear raised swiftly and afterwards levelled off in spite of covid-19 new cases and deaths(Hetkamp et al., 2020).

All sectors have been affected by covid-19 but the sectors that are digitally transformed are able to sustain their activities during this pandemic and recovered faster post covid-19 period(Ding, Guan, Chan, & Liu, 2020).

Large capitalization stocks faced more negative returns in comparison to small capitalization stocks (Al-Awadhi, Alsaifi, Al-Awadhi, & Alhammadi, 2020). All companies whether listed or not, performed poorly during outbreak of this pandemic in China. But IT and medicine manufacturing companies were performing better than market in comparison to Beverages and transport companies (Al-Awadhi et al., 2020). The decision of lockdown brought a great shock to Chinese stock market. The stocks related to low institutional ownership like retail investors overreacted to this pandemic(Huo & Qiu, 2020). The impact of covid-19 on various industries of China shows that traditional industries are greatly affected by this pandemic. But various opportunities are created for high tech industries. (P. He, Sun, Zhang, & Li, 2020).

The confirmed cases negatively impacted the stock market returns but stock markets' reaction to death cases is very weak. Stock markets responded in different ways over the period of this pandemic according to the harshness of this pandemic (Ashraf, 2020b). Japan' stock market showed a decline according to US stock market even if when the number of infected cases in Japan was very low in comparison to other countries. The companies which have more exposure to China and US economy faced more decline in their returns (Takahashi & Yamada, 2021).

Global financial markets suffered a loss of 5 trillion-dollar equity out of the market within a short span of one week. The volatility connectedness was increased and natural gas proved a safe haven and best hedging option in comparison of other commodities for the investors (Farid, Kayani, Naeem, & Shahzad, 2021). Shock news shows asymmetric effect between US and Chinese stock markets (Yousfi, Ben Zaied, Ben Cheikh, Ben Lahouel, & Bouzgarrou, 2021). The investors in financial markets withdrew their investment during this pandemic which caused lower returns and high volatility. (Harjoto, Rossi, Lee, & Sergi, 2021).

It is observed that market crash risk in China was increased due to rise in investors fear even when the number of confirmed cases is very low. Investors are sensitive to local as well as global news during a pandemic. So, clear and timely communication is the demand of the hour to tackle any emergency like covid-19 (Z. Liu, Huynh, & Dai, 2021). Financially strong companies recovered from the shock created by this pandemic in comparison to other companies and showed a V- shaped recovery. Investors sell off their shares in financially distressed companies and their chances of survival becomes marginal. (Mahata, Rai, Nurujjaman, & Prakash, 2021).

This pandemic negatively affected Taiwan stock market return but impact on CSR companies was insignificant and recovery of these companies was also faster than Non-CSR companies because investors are more confident in these companies(Lee & Lu, 2021). Covid-19 highly affected the



volatility of oil and stock market in comparison to 2008 global financial crises. (W. Zhang & Hamori, 2021).

## 5.2. Pandemic and Indian Stock Market

Mostly states in India are not capable to solve any health emergency like covid-19 pandemic. Facing and tackling of a pandemic is only possible through timely actions of govt. like social distancing until there is full coverage by vaccine (Bhattacharya & Banerjee, 2021).

Stock market showed negative reaction to this pandemic and this reaction was to media coverage rather than the pertinent situation(Khanthavit, 2020). This pandemic affected stock market returns more severally than demonetisation and GST(A. K. Mishra, Rath, & Dash, 2020). Indian stock market became more volatile in comparison to other developed economies and all indices showed negative returns except healthcare and Pharma sector during this pandemic(Chaudhary, Bakhshi, & Gupta, 2020). These two sectors performed positively during the crisis period as investors believed that these sectors would be beneficial during any pandemic like covid-19(Mittal & Sharma, 2021). Indian stock market faced a sharp decline in automobile sector when overseas investors moved to dollar backed assets(Rajamohan, Sathish, & Rahman, 2020).

Volatility spill over was increased and energy sector and then oil and gas were the major sectors of volatility transmission during this pandemic(Guru & Das, 2021). All sectors in India reported negative returns but after the announcement of supportive packages by government, stock markets started rising(Thomas, Sankararaman, & Suresh, 2020).

Stock prices declined up to first lockdown period and after that they moved upward again(Bora & Basistha, 2021). The attention dynamics of socio- economic search at Google by the investors during Covid-19 affected the indices of NSE Nifty and BSE Sensex in short and long run and this impact is greater in NSE in comparison to BSE(Sinha, 2021).

This pandemic has created opportunities for private equity investors to invest in the field of education and e-health(Malik, Sharma, & Kaur, 2020).

The market uncertainty and information asymmetry created by ongoing covid-19 weakened the investors' confidence and stock market volatility is increased at sectoral level. During extreme market conditions, investors showed herding behaviour by following the other investors rather than to believe on their own information. (P. K. Mishra & Mishra, 2021).

Investors were encouraged to invest in equity as their risk perception was decreased in the hope of bullish market. So, financial sectors were performing well but with reduced average return in comparison to rest of the economy(Rishika & Priti, 2021).

## 5.3. Impact of Different Preventive Measures On Stock Market

The different preventive measures adopted by different authorities all over the world to control this pandemic, actually brought positive and negative results on stock market returns. As social distancing and lockdowns stopped entire economic activities, stock market returns declined very much. But on the other side, when number of confirmed cases started reducing due to these steps, investors got confidence and stock market bounced back again (Ashraf, 2020a).



Asian emerging markets are highly impacted by this pandemic in comparison to European emerging markets. The countries who adopted preventive measures timely, their stock markets are least sufferer by this virus. In the same way, the countries whose incentive packages of large amount, comparatively less affected. Negative impact, caused by this pandemic starts decreasing and financial markets reached to earlier score by mid-April (Topcu & Gulal, 2020).

Emerging countries are badly affected by covid-19 in comparison to developed countries. In the same way small firms faced more adverse impacts of this pandemic than large firms. The various measures taken by Government of different countries to control the negative impact of this pandemic are not proved as perfect antidote for small firms. (Harjoto, Rossi, & Paglia, 2021). The different policy measures implemented by Govt. to protect the troubled stock markets proved beneficial in short run but in long run an imbalance is created between investors' expectations. These preventive measures actually created a high level of uncertainty among emerging countries and push the world economy towards disintegration (D. Zhang et al., 2020).

The decision of imposing lockdown was taken as a positive step by the investors and BSE reacted positively with positive average returns but before lockdown, investors were panicked and it was displayed by negative returns (ALAM, ALAM, & CHAVALI, 2020).

Various policy measures adopted by Indian Govt. reduced tail risk but not covered the high uncertainty due to this pandemic. (Agarwalla, Varma, & Virmani, 2021).

China imposed lockdown to control this virus because the speed of transmission is very high and health system was incapable to treat a large no. of patients which required intensive care. This pandemic gives a lesson that investment in health system is crucial for economic development of a nation (Ftiti, Ben Ameer, & Louhichi, 2021).

The impact of harsh restrictions regarding closure of business units and schools to control this pandemic are very limited on liquidity of stock market. When investors are well informed about the risk of any pandemic, they can easily manage their portfolios and it promotes safe trading and enhances liquidity (Zaremba, Aharon, Demir, Kizys, & Zawadka, 2021).

The government interventions in G7 countries affected stock market return in a positive way and lockdown was most effective method to cover the covid-19 risk (Dutillo, Gattone, & Di Battista, 2021). The permanent volatility in stock market is increased due to this pandemic. China stock market is less affected due to timely and effective medical and economic response to covid-19 (Bai, Wei, Wei, Li, & Zhang, 2021). Shanghai Composite Index bounced back as various measures were taken by Chinese Govt. to combat this covid-19 that shows the regained confidence of investors in stock markets (Ashraf, 2020a). The different containment steps by authorities brought economic disruptions for short term only. And in medium term, these steps boosted the investors' confidence and reduced uncertainty (Acharya & Liu, 2021). During this pandemic, the dependence among different industrial sectors increased in China. It shows the successful implementation of preventive measures by China govt. to control the pandemic (Wu & Hui, 2021). The government stringent actions affected solar stock prices more than number of confirmed cases. The confirmed cases of covid-19 and government actions produced negative results on solar energy stock prices but this negative impact is not significant in Non-OECD countries, so investors can transfer their fund from OECD countries to Non-OECD countries to reduce their risk (Wang, Chen, & Chang, 2021). The extreme monetary policy by US government to control stock



market volatility left no space to government to handle the on-going financial market downturn. In case of high stock market volatility caused by any health emergency, the loose monetary policy may play a significant role to reduce the volatility of stock market(Gao et al., 2021).

It is found that during this pandemic, stock markets of some countries are not performing according to efficient market hypothesis but they are responding according to behavioural finance theory like Italy, France and Germany. Investors in these stock markets are not affected by this virus until death cases are recorded there (Zeren & HIZARCI, 2020). Low interest rates and low taxes are required to boost confidence. Use of technology should be promoted in schools and offices(Li et al., 2021). There is a requirement of further research to understand the impacts of Governments strict provision on stock market returns.

It is necessary to disseminate quality information at appropriate time to increase market efficiency and for recovery from any emergency situation. (Tripathi & Pandey, 2021).

Proper co-ordination and co-operation among world banks and government is required at national level and international level to face the challenge and uncertainty created by this pandemic especially in tourism and exporting. Rising temperature is helpful to control the infection rate of this virus. Covid-19 created a huge economic and financial loss to the countries. Policymakers need to be concerned about uncertainty created by this pandemic (Sharma, Tiwari, Jain, Yadav, & Erkut, 2021). Leniency is to be given to cash crunched sectors like tourism and manufacturing by the bank authorities (H. Liu et al., 2020).

The fear created by this pandemic forced investors to demand more risk premium and ultimately causing negative stock market return. (Aggarwal, Nawn, & Dugar, 2021). To contain the negative impact of this pandemic, the complete lockdown is the only measure but it will pave the way to global recession. There is requirement of such a macro-economic model to calculate the cost of different measures to the global economy. This is the need of the time to focus on Make IN India initiative to focus on indigenous technology to develop a self-reliant economy. Stock markets will start recovery soon once the pandemic is over and recovery will be faster than expected (Praveen Kumar & Manoj Kumara, 2021).

**Table 1: Summary of reviewed papers**

| Sr No | Title of Paper, Autors & Year | Research Methods | Country of Study | Data Source and Time Period                              | Major Findings  |
|-------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|---|
| 1     | (Al-Awadhi et al., 2020)      | Panel testing    | China            | Bloomberg, Worldometer<br>Jan. 10 to March 16, 2020      | Covid-19 affected stock market returns negatively.    |
| 2     | (Zaremba et al., 2021)        | Panel Regression | 49 Countries     | Data Stream Global Equity Indices<br>Jan. 1 to April 3rd | Trading environment negatively impacted by government |



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|   |                           |  |                           | 2020  | restrictions. Govt. need to encourage public information system.   |
| 3 | (Ashraf, 2020b)           | Panel data analysis                                      | 64 Countries              | <a href="http://www.investing.com">www.investing.com</a> and website of John Hopkins University<br>Jan. 22 to April 17, 2020  | Stock market negatively responded to increase in Covid-19 cases.   |
| 4 | (Wang et al., 2021)       | panel data mode  | 24 countries              | <a href="https://www.macrotrends.net">https://www.macrotrends.net</a> ,<br><a href="https://ourworldindata.org">https://ourworldindata.org</a><br><br>Dec. 31, 2019 to June 4, 2020 | Stock prices of solar energy were not significantly impacted by government restrictions and cases of Covid-19.                         |
| 5 | (Engelhardt et al., 2021) | Panel regression model                                   | 47 national stock markets | Johns Hopkins University, Trading Economics and Yahoo Finance<br>Jan. 22nd to July 29th 2020  | Stock markets of High trust countries are less volatile during announcement of Covid-19.   |
| 6 | (Erdem, 2020)             | Panel data regression                                    | 75 Countries              | Bloomberg, and <a href="https://ourworldindata.org">https://ourworldindata.org</a>  | Stock market volatility is highly impacted in less free countries in comparison to freer countries.                                    |
| 7 | (Tripathi & Pandey, 2021) | Pool and panel fixed-effects methods, Heteroscedasticity | 25 countries              | Datastream-Eikon” database<br><br>January 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020.  | The information dissemination in a systematic way reduced the stock market volatility by contributing the recovery process positively. |
| 8 | (Ashraf, 2020a)           | Pooled panel ordinary least squares regression model     | 77 Countries              | John Hopkins University, <a href="http://www.investing.com">www.investing.com</a> website<br><br>Jan. 22 to April 17, 2020  | Stock market returns are impacted by restrictions imposed by government in dual way-direct negative and indirect positive impact.      |





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| 9  | (Papadamou et al., 2020)   | Panel data analysis & robustness tests            | 13 stock markets, including USA, Europe, Asia, & Australia regions | Google trends Metrics<br><br>Jan. 2 to April 9, 2020  | Anxiety created due to Covid-19 increased risk in stock markets.   |
| 10 | (Zeren & HIZARCI, 2020)    | Maki co-integration test                          | China, South Korea, Italy, France, Spain and Germany               | <a href="http://www.wordometer.info">www.wordometer.info</a> and <a href="http://www.uk.finance.yahoo.com">www.uk.finance.yahoo.com</a><br>23 Jan. 23 to March 13, 2020 | Crypto currency, old and derivatives were found to be the best option to invest during crises period to reduce risk. |
| 11 | (Albulescu, 2021)          | A simple Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression  | U.S.   | S&P Dow Jones Indices, S&P 500 volatility index, Situation reports of WHO<br>March 11, 2020 to May 15, 2020   | US stock market became more volatile due to uncertainty caused by this pandemic.                                     |
| 12 | (Topcu & Gulal, 2020)      | A pooled Ordinary Least Squares regression method | 26 stock markets of emerging economies                             | Worldometer Statistics, Investing Database and Yahoo Finance Database<br><br>March 10 to April 30, 2020   | Asian countries are worst affected by Covid-19 in comparison to European countries.                                  |
| 13 | (Rishika & Priti, 2021)    | OLS method  | India  | NIFTY 50 & NSE Sectoral Indices<br>July 8, 2019 to March 10, 2020 and March 11 to July 7, 2020  | Indian stock market became more volatile during the pandemic.  |
| 14 | (Takahashi & Yamada, 2021) | OLS estimation with clustering                    | Japan  | Data measured and calculated by the self generated market-adjusted model<br><br>Jan. to Dec. 2019   | The companies with S and China exposure faced worse stock returns.   |



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| 15 | (Khan et al., 2020)                 | Pooled OLS regression, t-test, Mann-Whitney test      | 16 Countries   | Weekly Panned data constructed from stock exchange of that particular country April 9, 2019 to April 3, 2020                                     | Chinese Government's strict actions to control this pandemic helped the investors in gaining confidence and stock markets bounced back. |
| 16 | (Harjoto, Rossi, Lee, et al., 2021) | Multivariate regressions                              | 53 Emerging and 23 Developed Countries   | WHO Situation Report (WHO website), major stock indices from the Bloomberg terminal January 14 to August 20, 2020                                | Stock market performances are negatively affected by Covid-19 confirmed and death cases.  |
| 17 | (Fernandez-Perez et al., 2021)      | Regression Model                                      | Australia, France, China, Belgium, HongKong, Italy, Singapore, Finland, Spain, Sweden, Thailand and other 60 countries | John Hopkins University, Hofstede and Minkov (2010), Murray and Schaller (2010), Thomson Reuters Data Stream Start of Pandemic to March 11, 2020 | The countries with high exposure to this pandemic and with high tendency to avoid uncertainty reacted more negatively.                  |
| 18 | (Agarwalla et al., 2021)            | Multiple forward-looking measures of uncertainty      | India  | Indian stock markets (liquid Nifty index)<br><br>Jan. 1 to May 31, 2020  | Monetary easing methods and lockdown done by government played significant role to face uncertainty caused by this pandemic.            |
| 19 | (Bhattacharya & Banerjee, 2021)     | Pre and Post Covid Vulnerability comparison of states | Indian States  | Indices of health vulnerability and economic vulnerability for 22 states of India  | Some states in India are highly vulnerable for any pandemic like this.  |



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| 20 | (Q. He et al., 2020)      | t-tests and Mann-Whitney tests                                     | China, Italy, South Korea, France, Spain, Germany, Japan and USA                                    | cn.investing.com<br>June 1, 2019 to March 16, 2020   | This pandemic affected stock markets for a very short time.                              |
| 21 | (Mahata et al., 2021)     | A stock price model constructed                                    | India   | Data is generated artificially   | To minimize the risk, investors prefer to invest in quality stocks during any pandemic.  |
| 22 | (W. Zhang & Hamori, 2021) | Approach of Diebold & Yilmaz (2012) and Barunik and Krehlik (2018) | America, Japan, Germany   | Infectious Disease Equity Market Volatility Tracker (IDEMVT), Crude Oil WTI Futures (WTI), S&P 500 Index (SP500), TOPIX Index (TOPIX) and DAX index (DAX)<br><br>Jan. 4, 2006 to Aug. 31, 2020 | Investors suffered heavy losses but for a short period.                                  |
| 23 | (Chaudhary et al., 2020)  | GLS regression   | India   | BSE website<br><br>Jan. 2019 to May 2020   | Indian stock market became more volatile due to high fear of this pandemic in investors. |
| 24 | (Aggarwal et al., 2021)   | Regression   | Australia, Canada, China, Germany, US, Hongkong, UK, India, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan | Ravenpack and ourworldindata.org, Bloomberg<br><br>Dec. 2019 to May 2020.  | Lockdown brought two way impact on stock market returns i.e. both positive and negative. |



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| 25 | (Ftiti et al., 2021)                 | Quantile Regression                       | China   | Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center<br>December 31, 2019 to April 7, 2020  | This pandemic gave a lesson that health sector is crucial for each economy.  |
| 26 | (Praveen Kumar & Manoj Kumara, 2021) | Correlation Analysis                      | India   | Secondary data of Indian stock market from www.nseindia.com<br>Jan. 1 to June 30, 2020   | The role of mediator and transmission channel is played by investors fear during this pandemic.  |
| 27 | (D. Zhang et al., 2020)              | Volatility analysis, Correlation analysis | Top 10 Countries on the basis of confirmed cases on 27 March, 2020, | Indexes of all stock markets downloaded from investing.com, John Hopkins Corona virus Resource Center<br>Up to March 27, 2020                            | Stock markets became more volatile and unpredictable. The unconventional policy can cause long term problems and disintegration among countries. |
| 28 | (Gao et al., 2021)                   | Wavelet-based quantile-on-quantile method | U.S. and China  | WIND database, US Energy Information Administration<br>Jan. 1 to Oct. 30, 2020   | A new loose monetary policy is required to stabilize the market volatility.  |
| 29 | (Sharma et al., 2021)                | Wavelet Coherence                         | top-15 most affected countries                                      | <a href="https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/daily-cases-COVID-19">https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/daily-cases-COVID-19</a><br>Feb. 01 to May 13, 2020 | Proper coordination among international bodies is required to face any challenge like covid-19   |
| 30 | (Yousfi et al., 2021)                | Multivariate GARCH                        | U.S. and China  | S&P 500 index and CSI 300 index<br>Jan. 5, 2011 to Sept. 21, 2020  | This pandemic brought harmful consequences for world economy in general and U stock market in particular.  |



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| 31 | (Farid et al., 2021)    | MCS-GARCH model and Diebold-Yilmaz spillover index              | U.S.                    | US ETFs to make the volatility connectedness network<br><br>Jan. 2, 2019 to May 29, 2020                    | Volatility connectedness was very high among the different assets during Covid-19 pandemic.                                    |
| 32 | (Li et al., 2021)       | AR (1) – GARCH  |                         | Data of international stock market collected and analyzed in four panels:<br>Dec. 16, 2019 to Dec. 16, 2020 | Stock market and GDP were declined by 0.8 % and 0.56 % respectively with every 1 % increase in Covid-19 cases.                 |
| 33 | (Z. Liu et al., 2021)   | GARCH-S model   | China                   | China Stock Market & (CSMAR) database, Baidu database<br>Jan. 2017 to Dec. 2019, June 2020 to March 2020    | All companies of China performed poorly during this pandemic except IT and medicine manufacturing companies.                   |
| 34 | (Wu & Hui, 2021)        | Multivariate GARCH model  | China                   | WIND database<br>August 1, 2019 to August 28, 2020  | China government implemented preventive methods successfully to combat the adverse effect of Covid-19.                         |
| 35 | (Bora & Basistha, 2021) | Generalized autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity model | India                   | Nifty and Sensex<br>Sept. 3, 2019 - July 10, 2020   | Stock market returns were higher before occurrence of Covid-19.  |
| 36 | I (Bai et al., 2021)    | An extended GARCH-MIDAS model                                   | US, China, UK and Japan | S&P 500, CSI 300, FESE 100 and NIKKEI 225<br><br>Jan 2005 to April 2020                                     | Stock market became more volatile and reacted in different way with different type of measures adopted by various governments. |



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| 37 | (Nguyen et al., 2021)         | GARCH(1,1) model with a Student t-distribution               | U.S. and China                  | Datastream database<br><br>July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020  | Volatility spillover was very weak during this pandemic.  |
| 38 | (Duttilo et al., 2021)        | Threshold GARCH(1,1)-in-Mean model                           | Euro countries                  | Investing.com website<br><br>Jan. 4, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2020   | Stock market of Euro countries became more volatile during this pandemic.   |
| 39 | (Acharya & Liu, 2021)         | GARCH model and an ARIMA mode                                | Italy, Germany, France and U.S. | English newspapers, tweets, videos and government websites<br><br>Jan. 2 to Oct. 29, 2020                                    | Stringent actions taken by the governments of the countries under study caused economic disruption in short term but in medium term it boosted investor's confidence. |
| 40 | (Dai et al., 2021)            | GARCHS (GARCH with skewness) model                           | U.S.                            | <a href="https://ourworldindata.org/coronavirus">https://ourworldindata.org/coronavirus</a><br><br>Feb. 14 to March 23, 2020 | The study suggested that if government implements proactive measures in time, it reduces the uncertainty of economic policy % can prevent stock market crash risk.    |
| 41 | (P. K. Mishra & Mishra, 2021) | GARCH Model  | India                           | NSE website<br>1 August 2019 to 28 July 2020.  | In financial services, Herding behavior is displayed by investors by not trusting their own information   |
| 42 | (Hetkamp et al., 2020)        | Generalized-Anxiety-Disorder-7 (GAD-7) with seven items on a | German public                   | Data from 16245 individuals via online channels<br><br>March 10, 2020  | The fear caused by Covid-19 declined to the earlier level with in the period of six weeks that shows habituation  |



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|    |                        | four point Likert-scale                    |       | to April 30, 2020  | to any pandemic.   |
| 43 | (Thomas et al., 2020)  | Analytical research, T-Test, One Way ANOVA | India | Website of National Stock Exchange<br>www1.nseindia.com<br>March 25 to April 14,2020   | Nifty showed negative performance but started rising with the announcement of stimulus packages by government.   |
| 44 | (Barbate et al., 2021) | A decision-tree approach                   | India | Businessinsider.com<br>Tradingeconomic.com<br>BBC news and compiled by author<br>2020-2025   | The present study depicted that the Covid-19 will affect the economy. The study also highlighted the various modes of recovery of economy; strong, moderate and weak recovery modes. |
| 45 | (Guru & Das, 2021)     | Diebold-Yilmaz spillover analysis          | India | BSE India website<br>Jan. 1, 2015 to Oct. 9, 2020  | Volatility spillover was introduced in stock market during Covid-19.   |
| 46 | (Ding et al., 2020)    | VAR model                                  | China | FactSet, NASDAQ<br>Jan. 1 to April 30, 2020  | Stock market resilience was moderated by digital transformation during Covid-19.   |
| 47 | (Baek et al., 2020)    | A Markov Switching AR model.               | U.S.  | Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center, FRED3 database, Kenneth French data library4, and Bloomberg Jan. 02, 2020 to April 30, 2020 | Negative news about deaths were more impactful in comparison to positive news about recoveries.  |
| 48 | (Sinha, 2021)          | Autoregressive distributed lag             | India | Google online search data, NSE Nifty Index and BSE Sensex  | Economic and social attention in Google search showed a robust   |



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|    |                                  | (ARDL) model and GARCH                 |  | Index<br><a href="https://trends.google.com">https://trends.google.com</a><br>Jan.1 to May 30, 2020   | co-integrating impact for Nifty Index  |
| 49 | (A. K. Mishra et al., 2020)      | Markov switching vector autoregression | India  | CEIC database<br>Jan. 3, 2003 to April 20, 2020   | Covid-19 severely affected the stock market returns in comparison to GST and demonetization.   |
| 50 | (Khanthavit, 2020)               | Event-study method                     | French, German, Italian, Spanish, U.K., U.S., Chinese, Philippine, and Thai stocks | MSCI database ( <a href="http://www.msci.com/end-of-day-data-country">www.msci.com/end-of-day-data-country</a> )<br>August, 27, 2018 to April 8, 2020 | Stock markets reacted more negatively to media news about Covid-19 and its declaration as pandemic in comparison to occurrence of actual situations.   |
| 51 | (Cox et al., 2020)               | GLL model, Event Study                 | U.S.   | Federal Reserve announcements<br>Jan. 01 to May 05, 2020  | The stock markets movements during Covid-19 were affected by sentiments rather than substance.   |
| 52 | (Harjoto, Rossi, & Paglia, 2021) | Event study method.                    | Developed countries and emerging countries   | MSCI stock indices like MXWOU, MXUS, MXEF, MXUSLC and MXUSSC from Bloomberg<br>March 13, 2019 to April 23, 2020                                       | Stock markets faced a shock when WHO announced Covid-19 as a global pandemic. But Federal Reserve announcement brought positive abnormal returns to US stock market in comparison to emerging markets. |
| 53 | (Mittal & Sharma, 2021)          | Event study method                     | India  | BSE website and e-research<br>May, 15, 2019 to April, 24, 2020  | The pharmaceutical and health sectors got cumulative abnormal returns during this pandemic.  |





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| 54 | (ALAM et al., 2020)      | Market Model Event study | India   | BSE<br><br>Feb. 24 to April 17, 2020   | The decision of lockdown was welcomed by the investors and brought positive returns to Indian stock market.   |
| 55 | (Lee & Lu, 2021)         | Event study approach     | Taiwan  | Taiwan Stock Exchange<br><br>Jan. 01 to May 30, 2020   | Stock prices are merely affected in case of CSR companies in comparison to non-CSR companies.   |
| 56 | (Huo & Qiu, 2020)        | Event study              | China   | China Stock Market and Accounting Research Database (CSMAR)<br><br>Jan 22 to March 03, 2020, | Chinese stock market got a great shock on announcement of lockdown by Chinese government and retail investors reacted more aggressively to this pandemic. |
| 57 | (Rajamohan et al., 2020) | Event Study              | India   | Secondary data from NSE<br><br>Oct. 07, 2019 to March 19, 2020                               | Stock markets of India witnessed a sharp decline when investors turned their investments to dollar based assets during this pandemic.                     |
| 58 | (H. Liu et al., 2020)    | An event study method    | Major affected countries (Japan, Korea, Singapore, USA, Italy, Germany and UK etc.) | Dow Jones Global Index, website Investing.com<br>21 Feb. 21, 2019 to March 18, 2020          | In comparison to other countries, Asian countries got more negative returns during this pandemic.   |



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| 59 | (P. He et al., 2020) | Event study approach | China | CSMAR database<br><br>June 3, 2019, to March 13, 2020 | Some industries like IT, education, manufacturing & health care were resilient to this pandemic while some other faced adverse impact like transportation, mining, electricity eating, environment industries etc. |
| 60 | (Malik et al., 2020) | EY analysis          | India | VCC Edge data, Preqin<br><br>May, 2019 to May, 2020   | Covid-19 caused uncertainty creates many opportunities for PE fund, if these companies work strategically.   |

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper comprehensive literature analysis of impact on stock market return and policy measures adopted to control the negative effects of covid-19 has been done to find the research gap. As the different strains of this virus are coming and unfortunately India has faced three waves of this pandemic, so the effect of this pandemic on stock markets is an important and emerging area of research. This pandemic actually increased risk and volatility of stock markets. So further research can be conducted to analyse the impact of different waves of pandemic on stock market return and volatility. Here better option need to be searched for investors of less advanced countries like India. Hence additional scope of research is to study the investor behaviour after this pandemic.

The different policy measures adopted by different countries worldwide to revive stock markets and economies would be beneficial in short run. In long run, these steps may spread further uncertainty in global markets and create problems for developing economies. Thus, there is requirement of research to study the effectiveness of such policies and measures that ensure development of stock markets and economies after pandemic. Different countries are responding differently at national level, it would push the world towards disintegration that would be more dangerous than this virus. This is the need of the time to work collectively at global level to face this challenge.

## 7. Discussion and Future Research Directions

There is a requirement of further research to critically evaluate the reasons for increased volatility of stock markets at the beginning of this pandemic and reasons for revival of stock markets very soon in a very short span of time. Also, it is required to study whether the adopted preventive measures were sufficient that time to control the movements of stock markets. A detailed study of investor's behavior and their expectation about future earnings need to be performed. As most of the work is performed in developed stock markets, it is need of the time to include marginalized economies in study.



Most of the work is performed by using GARCH model, panel data analysis and OLS methods on secondary data to study the market movements during and after this pandemic. To broaden the area of this study, primary data along with secondary can be analyzed for better understanding. Here is also the requirement to study this topic in long time horizons for better clarity. A great need to be innovative at the time of selecting the methodology for evaluating the impact of any pandemic on stock market movements.

## 8. Executive Summary

In this paper, a literature review is conducted of available research work on impact of covid-19 on Indian stock market. For this, multiple databases and cross references were searched to get relevant papers on this topic and then 60 papers were selected for review purpose. The whole work is divided into four sections. The first section defines the meaning of volatility and nature of volatility in Indian stock market. The 2<sup>nd</sup> section includes the techniques and methods adopted to review the existing work. The next section describes the summary that explains the impact of this pandemic on stock markets of various countries and how the different preventive measures remained beneficial to control the negative impact of sudden outbreak of covid-19 on various stock markets. The finding of the paper is that the risk and uncertainty raised due to covid-19 substantially increased the volatility in stock markets and emerging countries are worst affected by this pandemic in comparison to developed countries. But when preventive measures adopted by authorities, investors got their confidence back and it was reflected by positive stock returns. It is the requirement to develop a model through which the overall impact of any pandemic can be measured on the movements of stock markets.

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