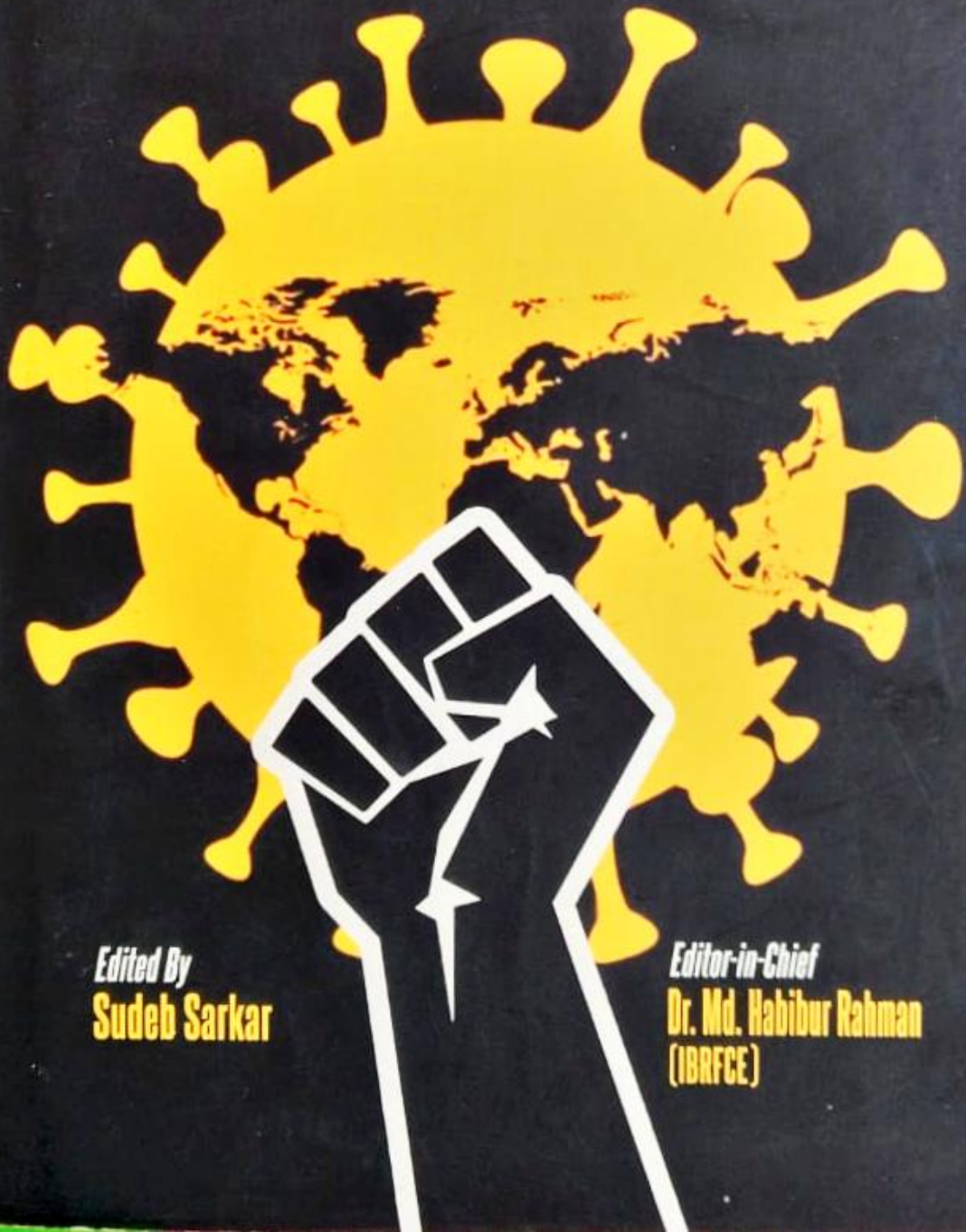




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Pandemic and Myth of the Invincibility of Rural Life

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Abstract

Covid-19 has its effect felt on all aspects of our life. Till now there is no hint or possibility of redemption from the menace of this pandemic. Society is all set to many alterations to cope with this pandemic. Because of the pandemic many people have lost their lives and livelihoods. For example the hawkers on trains and buses and the auto-rickshaw drivers and owners have suffered the major brunt. Many people have to find alternate sources of living. The present study will show the impact of the pandemic on rural life, on the social, cultural and economic plane. It will address the questions – Will the pandemic ever put an end to the villagers' native profession like many other professions? Will we have to return to nature or village for saving our life? It will make an analytical and case study of the prevailing situation in rural life and predict changes in rural life and culture with a clear eye on the supposed contribution of the rural life on tackling the all ravaging menace of the pandemic.

Keywords: Menace, Alternate, Covid-19, Impact, Save.

Introduction

“A despicable pestilence, my lord, has taken our Thebes tightly within its murderous grip, my lord! As if some fire carrying god has swooped our land, hallowing out our homes while at the same time, cluttering the house of Black Hades with our moans and our cries of despair”. (*Sophocles The Theban Plays*.
Translated by George Theodoridis)

In a 1775 English dictionary pandemic is described as an adjective formed from a Greek word meaning ‘incident to a whole people’. In India it is called mahamari. The first pandemic is called the ‘Justinian Plague’ which was bubonic. The plague depleted the populace of many towns. The plague spread from Byzantium to Italy and Spain. Soon there was shortage of labour force and financial crisis ensued. Then Black Death ravaged Europe, northern Africa and West Asia between 1346 and 1353. It has often been